MR. J. JOHN NIDIRY:

336. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 15,408 for establishment by Rs 1,120.

MR. V. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI:

337. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 7,540 for travelling allowances by Rs. 2,000.

MR. N. KUMARAN:

338. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 30,950 for Registrar of Co operative Societies by Rs. 100.

MR. N. KUMARAN:

339. To omit the allotment of Rs. 5,600 for Economic Development Board.

PRESIDENT: I place before the House Demand XIX—Scientific and Miscellaneous Departments—for Rs. ·62 lakh. I take it that the House sanctions it.

The grant was made.

DEMAND XX—PUBLIC WORKS.

MR. K. V. NATESA AIYAR (*Chief Engineer*): Sir, I move for a grant not exceeding Rs. 28·25 lakhs under Demand XX—Public Works.

Motion 340.

The following motion was not moved:—

MR. V. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI:

340. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 3,000 for travelling allowances by Rs. 500.

Motion 341.

MR N. RAMAKRISHNA PILLAI (*Vaikam cum Ettumanur*): Sir, I beg to move the following motion:—

341. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 27,200 under Direction by Rs. 100.

My object in moving this motion is to refer to the necessity of reducing the expenses under establishment and also to the necessity of having a better supervision over the working of the Department. It was pointed out during the course of the general discussion that there was a good deal of complaint about the over-manning of the Department as well as about appointments generally and punishments meted out to the officers of the Department. The Chief Engineer had not the advantage of giving sufficient explanation for all the allegations then made about him. I wish to point out that the expenditure in the executive branch is out of proportion to the total grant of the department and that sufficient attention has not been paid to reduction in the percentage of the cost of the establishment as compared with the total grant. It is to make a reference to all these points that I have brought forward this motion and I hope the Chief Engineer will be able to give us his explanation on these.

MR. K. V. NATESA AIYAR (*Chief Engineer*): Sir, I understand from Mr. Ramakrishna Pillai that he has brought this motion to invite my attention that a reduction under establishment is possible. This

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motion is made under direction. I do not know whether he means reduction under direction alone or under the whole establishment. He has also invited my attention to the necessity of a better supervision of the working of the executive staff. He again referred to the over-manning of the Department and the complaints made against me in the matter of appointments and punishments. Finally he said that the expenditure under establishment was out of proportion to the total grant.

Regarding the establishment in the Department, I have already given complete information during the general budget discussions in Audi 1098 and Audi 1099, and detailed information about the severe retrenchment effected in 1098 has been given in the Annual Report of the Department for 1098. In my budget speech in Audi 1098, I compared the salaries given here with those in Madras. A reference to that will show that the establishment here is indeed cheap. There is no justification at all for saying that it is out of proportion. I do not also admit that the expenditure under travelling allowance, which forms part of the establishment charge, is on a lavish scale.

PRESIDENT: You are expected to reply only to those heads to which Mr. Ramakrishna Pillai has referred.

MR. K. V. NATESA AIYAR (*Chief Engineer*): I have already given my reply under those heads during the budget discussion. I shall read out what I said then.

PRESIDENT: You may give a brief résumé of what you said then, if you are going to say the same thing. Mr. Ramakrishna Pillai's first charge is that the percentage of expenditure under establishment is too high.

MR. K. V. NATESA AIYAR (*Chief Engineer*): The rate of charge for the establishment is only 17 per cent. I maintain that it is not high. The establishment was very recently retrenched. Several Executive Engineers and Assistant Engineers were reduced; 14 Supervisors were also reduced. All this information is given in the Administration Report. We effected a saving of about Rs. 36,000 in the pay of the superior officers, and the pay of the lower officers was increased. The saving effected was absorbed in this increase. The net saving is about Rs. 3,600.

MR. N. RAMAKRISHNA PILLAI (*Vaikam* cum *Ettumanur*): What is the present percentage?

MR. K. V. NATESA AIYAR (*Chief Engineer*): It is about 17 to 18. We are keeping to the average for the past several years.

MR. A. HOOGEWERF (*Nominated*): Am I to understand that the whole retrenchment came to only Rs. 3,600?

MR. K. V. NATESA AIYAR (*Chief Engineer*): The saving on account of the retrenchment of the superior staff is about Rs. 36,000.

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MR. A. HOOGEWERF (*Nominated*): That was distributed to the subordinate staff?

MR. K. V. NATESA AIYAR (*Chief Engineer*): Yes. With respect to the matter of appointments, no specific instances have been given where I have shown communal bias. But I would like to give information on general points.

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI, (*Ambalapuzha*): May I say that nothing like communal bias was mentioned against Mr. Natesa Aiyar by Mr. Ramakrishna Pillai?

MR. K. V. NATESA AIYAR (*Chief Engineer*): He referred to appointments and punishments. Some member said in the general budget discussion that I was the worst offender in such matters.

PRESIDENT: Mr. Ramakrishna Pillai referred to the budget speeches where criticisms were made and communal bias was ascribed to him by the members.

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha*): He had his reply during the general discussion.

PRESIDENT: He had not sufficient time to reply. I drew the attention of the House then to the fact that Government members had not been given sufficient time to reply and that they would be able to explain in detail when voting on Demands came up.

MR. T. K. VELU PILLAI (*Trivandrum* cum *Nedumangad*): May I ask whether *some* member means *a* member or has it got any other meaning?

MR. K. V. NATESA AIYAR (*Chief Engineer*): I think it was Mr. K. Parameswaran Pillai who referred to it.

PRESIDENT: Then why don't you say so?

MR. M. N. PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): May I know how many years it is since Mr. Natesa Aiyar took charge?

PRESIDENT: I think it is known to the House very well; it is given in the *Civil List*.

MR. K. V. NATESA AIYAR (*Chief Engineer*): It is two years since I took charge.

MR. M. N. PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): How many Brahmins has he appointed in the higher grade since he took charge?

MR. K. V. NATESA AIYAR (*Chief Engineer*): I want the definition of the term higher grade.

I will give the information in regard to appointments, if Mr. Ramakrishna Pillai wants it.

MR. N. RAMAKRISHNA PILLAI (*Vaikam* cum *Ettumanur*): I made reference to the general discussion. During the course of that discussion complaints were made against him. What I pointed out was that I was giving him an opportunity for explaining.

PRESIDENT: That is why he wants to explain.

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MR. K. V. NATESA AIYAR (*Chief Engineer*): I may speak about the appointments, I think.

PRESIDENT; yes; you may do so.

MR. K. V. NATESA AIYAR (*Chief Engineer*): The number of Sub-Overseers appointed by me to act in vacancies, since I took charge of the Department, is 14. 3 of them are Brahmins, 6 Nairs, 3 Christians, and 2 Ezhavas. All the three Brahmins had previously acted as such. I did not go in search of them. The number of acting appointments made by Government in the Executive Branch on the recommendation of the Chief Engineer, since I took charge, is 8, of which 2 are Brahmins, 2 Christians and 4 Nairs. The number of appointments, acting and permanent, made by the Chief Engineer in the Chief Engineer's office since I took charge is 15. Of these, 3 are Brahmins, 6 Nairs, 1 Variar, 1 Ezhava, 1 other Hindu and 3 Christians. Of these, 2 Nairs and 1 Variar have been since confirmed. The number of acting appointments made by Government in the Chief Engineer's Office on the recommendation of the Chief Engineer since I took charge is 4. Of these, 2 are Christians, 1 an Unnittan and the other a Nair.

MR. A. HOOGEWERF (*Nominated*): I would like to know the grade of appointments also.

MR. K. V. NATESA AIYAR (*Chief Engineer*): The last four appointed to act in the Chief Engineer's Office were in the grade of Rs. 40-70. Some appointments were also made by the Chief Engineer in Division vacancies. At the time of the re-organisation, new typists were sanctioned and I considered the applications received through Executive Engineers and from other sources. Out of these applicants, 6 were appointed as typists in the grade of Rs. 20-35. One of them is a Brahmin. He is a Mesopotamia-returned man and was recommended by the Soldiers' Committee or the Executive Engineers. One is an Ezhava and one belongs to the washerman community. The three others are Christians. The Ezhava and one of the Christians do not possess the qualification required by Service rules but have been exempted for two years under a special recommendation made by me to Government. Three other appointments in the grade of Rs. 35-50 were also made by me since the re-organisation and posted to the Division offices. One is a Tamilian, one is Mr. Narayanan Tampi, reverted from the Industries Department, and the third is a Nayar who was an acting hand discharged at the time of the re-organisation. I do not know whether any further information is required. There have been unjust rumours and unfounded allegations against me. As regards punishments also, I would like to say a few words. Mr. Kumara Pillai mentioned about the punishment given to Mr. O. S. Raman Pillai and he said that it was quite disproportionate and so on. I was not able to refer to these matters fully in my reply during the budget discussion.

MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI (*Eraniel cum Vilavankod*): അങ്ങനെയല്ല ഞാൻ പറഞ്ഞിട്ടുള്ളത്. മിസ്റ്റർ രാമൻപിള്ളയെ രണ്ടു

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വർഷത്തേയ്ക്കു ശിക്ഷിച്ചതിൽ യാതൊരാക്ഷേപവുമില്ല. കൂടുതൽ ശിക്ഷിക്കുന്നതിലേക്കും ആക്ഷേപമില്ലാത്തതാണ്. പബ്ലിക്ക് സർവ്വീസിന്റെ രക്ഷയ്ക്കുവേണ്ടിയുള്ള ശിക്ഷകൾ എത്ര കൂടിയിരുന്നാലും എനിക്ക് ആക്ഷേപമില്ലാത്തതാണ്. എന്നാൽ ആ സംഗതിയിൽ എല്ലാ ആളുകളേയും ഒരുപോലെ നോക്കണമെന്നാണ് ഞാൻ പറഞ്ഞിട്ടുള്ളത്.

Mr. K. V. NATESA AIYAR (*Chief Engineer*): I understand it now.

Mr. T. KUMARA PILLAI (*Eraniel* cum *Vilavankod*): It was clearly stated in my speech.

Mr. K. V. NATESA AIYAR (*Chief Engineer*): Mr. Kumara Pillai referred to it and enquired about the punishments inflicted or intended to be inflicted on other subordinates who had misbehaved and who happened to be Brahmins. The inference drawn by Mr. Kumara Pillai was that Mr. O. S. Raman Pillai appeared to him to have been comparatively severely punished and that Brahmin subordinates were not being dealt with as they deserved. So far as I am concerned, I had nothing to do with Mr. O. S. Raman Pillai's punishment—either the initial punishment or the final punishment. The Government suspended him on the recommendation of the Account Officer, and when I took charge of the Department, he was under suspension and preparing his explanation. When his explanation was received, I looked into the records and in due course forwarded his explanation to Government with necessary remarks as to facts and departmental practice.

Mr. M. N. PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): May I know how many charges there were about Mr. O. S. Raman Pillai?

Mr. K. V. NATESA AIYAR (*Chief Engineer*): I have got the records with me, but it will take time to detail the charges. Government considered his explanation and finally passed orders in the matter.

Mr. M. N. PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): May I know for what charge he was punished?

Mr. K. V. NATESA AIYAR (*Chief Engineer*): I think the Government member will be in a better position to say that. I simply gave certain facts to clear a misapprehension. The Government considered the explanation and passed final orders. Then, about Mr. Rajagopala Aiyar. He had been recommended to be Supervisor, second grade.

Mr. M. N. PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): May I know whether Mr. Natesa Aiyar had anything to do with the punishment of Mr. O. S. Raman Pillai?

Mr. K. V. NATESA AIYAR (*Chief Engineer*): I have already explained that I forwarded his explanation with remarks. I do not know whether I explained myself clearly at the time of the budget discussion with respect to Mr. Rajagopala Aiyar. Mr. Rajagopala Aiyar had been recommended for promotion as Supervisor, second grade,

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by my predecessor at the time of the re-organisation and his promotion had been sanctioned at the time I took charge. The papers relating to the over-measurement by the Supervisor and to the over-payment thereon by Mr. C. J. Mani, Sub-Engineer, subsequently came up before me and as soon as all the explanations were received, the matter was fully considered by me and my report sent to Government in July, 1923.

MR. M. N. PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): I want to elicit some information whether Mr. O. S. Raman Pillai was suspended pending an enquiry into the case.

MR. K. V. NATESA AIYAR (*Chief Engineer*): I have finished all that I have got to say about Mr. O. S. Raman Pillai.

MR. M. N. PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): Was there not a definite charge against Mr. Rajagopala Aiyar? Why did not the Government take steps to suspend him?

PRESIDENT: That is for me to reply.

MR. M. N. PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): Sir,—

MR. K. V. NATESA AIYAR (*Chief Engineer*): My report on the matter was sent in July, 1923.

PRESIDENT: In regard to Mr. Rajagopala Aiyar, I think an explanation is due from me to the House, as it unfortunately happens that I am the Head of the Administration as well as the President of this House. What the Chief Engineer says is perfectly right. A report against Mr. Rajagopala Aiyar was received in the Secretariat in July, 1923. There was a delay in the Secretariat and the file came to the Government only about two months ago. For the last two months it has not been possible for the Government to take up that file and deal with it on account of circumstances of which the House is fully aware. There has been delay in regard to Mr. Rajagopala Aiyar's case, and the Secretariat is responsible for the delay largely. That matter is also engaging the attention of the Government.

MR. M. N. PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): What I wanted to know is this. In the case of Mr. Rajagopala Aiyar, the case is pending investigation. He is retained in the service and he is given promotion, whereas in the case of Mr. O. S. Raman Pillai, it is the reverse.

MR. K. V. NATESA AIYAR (*Chief Engineer*): I have not completed my explanation.

PRESIDENT: Mr. M. N. Pillai, please wait and hear his explanation and then put whatever question you want.

MR. K. V. NATESA AIYAR (*Chief Engineer*): In the case of Mr. Rajagopala Aiyar, Mr. Everard had put up a note that he deserved only a fine of one-eighth of his pay in the matter. I considered that it was very lenient and recommended to the Government that the promotion sanctioned to him should be withdrawn with retrospective effect.

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MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha*): May I know whether, in the case of Mr. Rajagopala Aiyar, the Chief Engineer recommended any suspension?

MR. K. V. NATESA AIYAR (*Chief Engineer*): I did not recommend any suspension. I recommended the withdrawal of promotion as a first step and left to the Government the matter of further punishment, explaining that there was an impression that he was a relation of mine and that any punishment that I recommended might be considered inadequate.

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha*): Why was he not recommended for suspension?

PRESIDENT: He has said that Mr. Everard did not suspend him, but that he considered he deserved a punishment of a fine of only one-eighth of his monthly pay.

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha*): Did not the Chief Engineer recommend his suspension?

PRESIDENT: No.

MR. M. N. PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): Was it not after receiving the report regarding the charges against him that Mr. Rajagopala Aiyar was given promotion?

MR. K. V. NATESA AIYAR (*Chief Engineer*): No; it was recommended by Mr. Everard before he received the report and at the time or within a few days of my taking charge of the Department sanction was received. Then the reports came in and explanations were called for. The matter was gone into and as a result I recommended the withdrawal of the promotion as a first step.

MR. T. K. VELU PILLAI (*Trivandrum* cum *Nedumangad*): I rise to a point of order. What we, on this side of the House, want is that Government and their officers should do their work properly in the matter of appointments. The question I wish to raise is whether all that Mr. Everard has done, all that Mr. Natesa Aiyar has done or all that the previous Engineers have done is relevant. Is it right that this personal question should be drawn into the arena of discussion? An accusation is made against a departmental head and it is as departmental heads that gentlemen on the other side of the House take their seat, not as private persons. So, the point raised is whether their personalities count in a matter like this.

PRESIDENT: It is a very difficult point to answer. As I understand it, in the matter of individual punishments dealing with individual officers, the details of the cases should not be the subject of discussion in the House. The non-official side must accept what the official side says. It is open to non-officials to say that the policy adopted by certain departmental heads in regard to appointments or in regard to punishments is wrong. I think it is certainly open to the House to say that. But when an explanation is given by the head of the department that explanation must be accepted. When questions are put about details, it

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is very awkward not to answer them. Silence in such circumstances is likely to lead to the inference that the departmental head wants to conceal facts. The same is the case with regard to the Government. The inference will be that the Government have something to conceal. That is the difficulty in which both the head of the department and the Government are placed in this matter.

MR. K. V. NATESA AIYAR (*Chief Engineer*): My recommendation was sanctioned by the Government with regard to the withdrawal of promotion to Mr. Rajagopala Aiyar. He had consequently to refund Rs. 300 which he had drawn already and has lost four or five places, as his juniors have since been promoted to the second grade over him. Final orders of Government on the matter are still awaited.

I think I have given a sufficient and satisfactory reply in the general discussion to the other matters mentioned by Mr. Kumara Pillai. If he wants further information, I shall give. With respect to the Section Officer in charge of the Cantonment Section, the matter related to the delay in the remittance of about Rs. 257, the amount of certain sale proceeds into the treasury. When they were realised by the officer—

MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI (*Eraniel* cum *Vilavankod*): ആ സെക്ഷൻ ആഫീസർ പണം പിരിച്ചതേപ്പോളാണ്? ആ പണം എത്രകാലം കയ്യിൽ വച്ചുകൊണ്ടിരുന്നു? എപ്പോഴാണ് താലൂക്കിൽ ഒടുക്കിയത്?

MR. K. V. NATESA AIYAR (*Chief Engineer*): That is all under enquiry. Whether he kept the money, or, as alleged by him, the clerk kept the money, and how the remittance was delayed are under enquiry.

As regards punishments and communal bias, I have got to say something. I have been punishing all classes of people in the office and the executive line. I find that, in the year 1098, in the Chief Engineer's office punishments were inflicted on five persons of whom two were Christians and two Brahmins, and the other, a Tamilian, was punished twice. In 1099, I punished eleven persons of whom eight happened to be Brahmins, two happened to be Nayars and one a Christian. In the Executive staff, Supervisors were punished in 1098 ten times. Of these seven happened to be Brahmins, one happened to be a Nayar and two Christians. In 1099, punishments were inflicted on thirteen persons. Of these eleven were Brahmins, one a Nayar and the other a Vellala. I would request the members of this Council not to come to any conclusion on hearsay information.

MR. N. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*): May I know whether the order of the Government reducing the pay of Mr. M. A. Narayana Aiyar in connection with the 'Redeemer' disaster enquiry from Rs. 90 to Rs. 80 was given effect to?

MR. K. V. NATESA AIYAR (*Chief Engineer*): Automatically, it must have been communicated to the Executive Engineer.

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MR. N. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*): The *Civil List* for the year shows that he gets the same pay.

MR. K. V. NATESA AIYAR (*Chief Engineer*): When was the *Civil List* printed, please?

MR. N. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*): It has been corrected up to 1st Chingam, 1100.

MR. K. V. NATESA AIYAR (*Chief Engineer*): The Account Officer will be able to explain that.

MR. N. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*): Another person who was punished in connection with the same disaster was Mr. Jacob Joseph. In his case, a reduction of pay has been ordered and the orders were given effect to and this is seen from the *Civil List*.

MR. K. V. NATESA AIYAR (*Chief Engineer*): So, you mean to say that Mr. Jacob Joseph's reversion finds a place in the *Civil List*, while Mr. Narayana Aiyar's reduction does not find a place. The order about this reduction must have been communicated to the Executive Engineer.

MR. N. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*): I only want information whether orders have not been communicated in respect of any officer.

MR. K. V. NATESA AIYAR (*Chief Engineer*): Orders must have been immediately communicated to the Executive Engineers concerned. Mr. Narayana Aiyar will not be paid on the authority of the *Civil List* but only according to the orders communicated to the Executive Engineer.

I do not know whether any further information is required by Mr. Ramakrishna Pillai or any other in the matter of punishments awarded and other matters regarding the establishment.

The Council adjourned for lunch at 2-15 P. M. and re-assembled at 3-8 P. M.

MR. M. N. PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): Sir, I wish to support the motion of Mr. Ramakrishna Pillai. In supporting the motion, I have to bring to the notice of the House that the re-organisation of the Public Works Department was effected just a few weeks before Mr. Natesa Aiyar took charge of the Department. It is a well-known fact that Mr. Natesa Aiyar had a hand in the re-organisation.

PRESIDENT: What is the meaning of it?

MR. M. N. PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): He was in the Maramat Department and I understand he was consulted in connection with the re-organisation of the Public Works Department. I have heard that he was deputed to make the selection of men for promotion in connection with the re-organisation.

MR. K. V. NATESA AIYAR (*Chief Engineer*): No, I deny it.

MR. M. N. PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): Then, I withdraw it. With all that, soon after the re-organisation, Mr. Natesa Aiyar took charge of

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the Department. With the re-organisation, there were many complaints that most of the non-Brahmins who were employed in the Chief Engineer's office, including the Manager, Superintendent and some clerks were transferred to different places. In the place of the Manager, an Assistant Engineer was put in, and in the place of the Superintendent, a Superintendent from the Account Office was taken, and it was said then that this Superintendent's place was an interchangeable post between the Chief Engineer's Office and the Account Office. After a few months, I was told that the Superintendent sent from the Account Office did not like the place, and he went back to the Account Office. The man who was the Superintendent previously and who is a graduate applied for the post as he was the legitimate claimant for it, but had not the fortune to secure the place. And in that place, a Brahmin who had no qualification was put in. This, I think, is a very great injustice to that man. Then again, there are several other complaints about transfers of officers in the P. W. D.

PRESIDENT: Will you please specify some?

MR. M. N. PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): No, I could not. There is a complaint that, after the "Redeemer" accident, non-Brahmins were posted as canal officers. Of course, this is an information which I got from outside.

PRESIDENT: What I request you to do is to specify some instances.

MR. M. N. PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): All the canal officers are non-Brahmins. Is this not a fact? Can Mr. Natesa Aiyar deny this?

PRESIDENT: From Cape Comorin to Alwaye?

MR. M. N. PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): Yes, that is one charge.

PRESIDENT: I trust that members, when they make charges against officers, would satisfy themselves that there is evidence for those charges.

MR. M. N. PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): It is open to the Chief Engineer to correct me if I am wrong.

PRESIDENT: I do not think it is proper simply to say: "I heard such and such things, therefore let the Chief Engineer answer them".

MR. M. N. PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): I am subject to correction.

MR. V. SUBBA AIYAR (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*): When we are discussing about a cut of Rs. 100, questions of general policy may be discussed and not individual grievances of transfers, etc. If this is permitted, no departmental head can administer his department unless his appointment of A or B or his punishment of A or B is scrutinised by this House. If there is anything which affects the the policy of a department, I believe it is a matter to be discussed

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in this House. But to discuss whether particular persons were transferred on proper grounds or punished on proper grounds or not is going too much into the debate on the administration.

PRESIDENT: As I have already said, the matter is a very difficult and delicate one. Mr. M. N. Pillai makes a statement that all the men in charge of the canals are non-Brahmins.

MR. M. N. PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): I am ready to withdraw that if I am not correct in what I say.

PRESIDENT: There is no use in saying a thing and then withdrawing it. It is unfair to the officer whom you are attacking.

MR. M. N. PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): Mr. Ramakrishna Pillai was referring to communal partiality, appointment of Nayars and other things. According to the *Civil List* which I have gone through just now, I find six Brahmins out of whom one is in the Maramat and two—

PRESIDENT: The Chief Engineer has nothing to do with the Maramat Department.

MR. M. N. PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): It is in the *Civil List*.

PRESIDENT: It may be so.

MR. M. N. PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): The Chief Engineer said that the number of posts given by him to Brahmins are not many.

MR. K. V. NATESA AIYAR (*Chief Engineer*): I have already read a statement of eight appointments made by the Government on my recommendation in the executive establishment. Only two out of the eight are Brahmins. I would like to hear the six names referred to by him.

MR. M. N. PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): The others are in the Technical School and the Maramat Department.

PRESIDENT: I may tell you that the Chief Engineer has nothing to do with the Maramat Department and the Technical school.

MR. M. N. PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): Why I bring this to the notice of this House is—

PRESIDENT: You cannot bring to the notice of the House a thing which is not a fact.

MR. M. N. PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): The total strengh of the Brahmins in the executive line of the P. W. D. is 60, Nayars 23, Christians—

MR. K. V. NATESA AIYAR (*Chief Engineer*): For which I am not responsible.

MR. M. N. PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): I do not say that he is responsible. What I wish to say is that the proportion of other people is much less and that sufficient encouragement should be given to non-Brahmins at least hereafter. That is all I have to say. I do not accuse Mr. Natesa Aiyar.

MR. K. V. NATESA AIYAR (*Chief Engineer*): Sir, am I to reply now or later?

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[Mr. Tariatu Kunjitomman.]

PRESIDENT : You have got a right of reply later.

MR. M. N. PILLAI (*Trivandrum*) : What I would insist is that hereafter at least non-Brahmins should be encouraged.

PRESIDENT ; That is a different matter. Whether he is encouraging Brahmins or not, you can infer from the figures given by him to the House.

MR. M. N. PILLAI (*Trivandrum*) : Then again there is the case of Mr. O. S. Raman Pillai. It is a case which is much talked of in the Council and elsewhere. What I wish to point out is that it is a very hard case.

PRESIDENT : This is not the place for your saying that.

MR. M. N. PILLAI (*Trivandrum*) : Then where else?

PRESIDENT : You must go to the Government and tell them that his case is a very hard one.

MR. M. N. PILLAI (*Trivandrum*) : I suppose I can explain and bring out the facts concerning that case as also the facts about the cases of Rajagopala Aiyar and others.

PRESIDENT : I do not think the details regarding any individual case are in place in this House. There are other places where the matter can be mentioned and remedy obtained. You can interview the Government in the matter if you like.

MR. M. N. PILLAI (*Trivandrum*) : I support the motion. I have nothing more to say.

MR. TARIATU KUNJITOMMAN (*Muvattupuzha*) : ഞാൻ ഈ പ്രമേയത്തെ പ്രതിക്ഷിക്കുന്നു. ചീഫ് ഇഞ്ചിനീയർ ഉദ്യോഗനിയമനങ്ങളിലും മറ്റ് ഉദ്യോഗകൃത്യങ്ങളിലും മറ്റുപല ഡിപ്പാർട്ട്മെൻറു മേലദ്ധ്യക്ഷന്മാരേയും അപേക്ഷിച്ചു ന്യായസ്ഥനെന്നും അദ്ദേഹം ഒരുകൃത്യനിഷ്ഠയുള്ള ആളായിട്ടാണ് പൊതുജനങ്ങളുടെ ഇടയിൽ വിശ്വാസം എന്നും ആണ് എന്റെ അഭിപ്രായം. അതുകൊണ്ട് അദ്ദേഹത്തിനായി കൊള്ളിച്ചിട്ടുള്ള തുക കുറയ്ക്കണമെന്നുള്ള പ്രമേയത്തെ പ്രതിക്ഷിക്കാതിരിക്കാൻ എനിക്കു നിവർത്തിയില്ല. ഉദ്യോഗനിയമനവിഷയത്തിൽ വർഗ്ഗീയപക്ഷപാതം കാണിക്കുന്നുണ്ടെന്നു സമ്മതിച്ചാൽ തന്നെയും അതു മറ്റു പലരെയും അപേക്ഷിച്ചു വളരെ കുറവാണെന്നുള്ളതു നിർവ്വിവാദമാണ്. (*Laughter.*)

MR. V. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*) : വർഗീയപക്ഷപാതം കാണിക്കുന്നുണ്ടോ?

MR. TARIATU KUNJITOMMAN (*Muvattupuzha*) : ഉണ്ടെന്ന് എനിക്കു ബോദ്ധ്യപ്പെട്ടിട്ടില്ല. രജിസ്ട്രേഷൻ ഡിപ്പാർട്ട്മെൻറു, വിദ്യാഭ്യാസ

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ഡിപ്പാർട്ട്മെൻറ്, പരസ്പരസഹായവകുപ്പ് ഇവയെ അപേക്ഷിച്ച് അ
ദ്ദേഹത്തിൻെറ വകുപ്പിൽ ഉദ്യോഗനിയമനത്തിൽ വർഗ്ഗീയപക്ഷപാതം വ
ളരെകുറവാണെന്ന് ആക്ഷം സമ്മതിച്ചേകഴിയൂ. മറ്റ് ഉദ്യോഗകൃത്യങ്ങളെ
പ്പററിചിന്തിക്കാം. ഗതാഗതത്തിനു ജനങ്ങൾക്ക അധികമസൌകര്യം
ഉള്ള പ്രദേശങ്ങളിലാണ് അദ്ദേഹത്തിൻെറ ശ്രദ്ധ പതിഞ്ഞുകാണു
ന്നതു്. അദ്ദേഹം ഉത്തരതിരുവിതാംകൂറിലെ ഉൾഭാഗങ്ങളിൽ സഞ്ചാര
സൌകര്യം വർദ്ധിപ്പിക്കുവാൻ പലതും ചെയ്യുവരുന്നുണ്ട്. അവിടം അട
ത്തകാലംവരെ ഗവർമ്മെൻറിൻെറശ്രദ്ധപതിയാതെ കടക്കയായിരുന്നു.
ഉത്തരതിരുവിതാംകൂറിലുള്ള പല താലൂക്കുകളിലും റോഡുകൾ വെട്ടുന്നതി
നു ബഡ്ജററിൽ കുറെസംഖ്യ ഗവർമ്മെൻറനുവദിക്കാറുണ്ടെങ്കി
ലും കഴിഞ്ഞവർഷവും ചേക്കുകയും അതു കൌൺസിലിൽ അനുവദിക്ക
കയും ചെയ്തിട്ടുണ്ട്. കൌൺസിലിനു സംഖ്യ കുറയ്ക്കുന്നതിനല്ലാതെ
ഏതെങ്കിലും സംഖ്യകൂട്ടുന്നതിനൊ പുതുതായി ചേക്കുന്നതിനൊ അധി
കാരമില്ലെല്ലോ. പ്രസ്തുതവേലകൾക്കു സംഖ്യചേർത്തിട്ടുള്ളതു് അദ്ദേഹം അ
വശ്യംധരിച്ചു ചെയ്തതാണ്. ഗതാഗതത്തിന് അസൌകര്യമുള്ള പ്രദേശ
ങ്ങളിൽ അദ്ദേഹം സഞ്ചരിക്കയും ജനങ്ങൾ പറയുന്നതിനെ ശ്രദ്ധിച്ചുകേൾ
ക്കുകയും ചെയ്യുന്നുണ്ട്. കാട്ടും മുള്ളും വെട്ടി ഊടുവഴികളിൽ കൂടിനടന്നു
റോഡുകൾ വേണമെന്നു പറയുന്നസ്ഥലങ്ങൾ നോക്കുന്നതിന് അദ്ദേഹം
സന്നദ്ധത പ്രദർശിപ്പിക്കുന്നുണ്ട്. എൻെറ താലൂക്കിൽ പലസ്ഥലങ്ങളി
ലും ഞാനും അദ്ദേഹത്തോടുകൂടി സഞ്ചരിച്ചു പല ഊടുവഴികളും കാണിച്ചു
കൊടുത്തിട്ടുണ്ട്. വാസ്തവമിങ്ങിനെയിരിക്കെ അദ്ദേഹത്തിനു വേണ്ടി
വച്ചിട്ടുള്ളതുകകുറയ്ക്കുന്നു ശരിയല്ലെന്നു പറയാതെ നിവൃത്തിയില്ല. അ
ദ്ദേഹം സ്വദേശിയായാലും വിദേശിയായാലും രാജ്യത്തിൻെറ ഗുണത്തിനാ
യി കൃത്യബോധത്തോടെ യത്നിക്കുന്നുണ്ടെന്നാണ് എൻെറ അഭിപ്രായം.
മിസ്ററർ റാബിൻസൺ ലാൻഡുറവന്യൂഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെൻറിൽ എന്നപോ
ലെ ഇദ്ദേഹം പബ്ലിക്ക്വർക്സ് ഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെൻറിലും ജനഹിതത്തെ
അറിഞ്ഞുപ്രവർത്തിക്കുന്നു എന്നുപറയുന്നതിൽ ഞാൻ ഒട്ടും മടിക്കുന്നില്ല.
എന്നാൽ ഇനിയും കൂടുതൽ ജാഗ്രുകതയോടുകൂടി ഉത്തരതിരുവിതാംകൂ
റിലും മറ്റുറോഡുകൾ കുറഞ്ഞ പ്രദേശങ്ങളിലും ഗതാഗതസൌകര്യം വ
ർദ്ധിപ്പിക്കുന്നതിൽ പ്രത്യേകം ശ്രദ്ധിച്ചുകൊണ്ടിരിക്കണമെന്ന് ഈ അവ
സരത്തിൽ പ്രത്യേകം പറയേണ്ടതാണ്. തുടങ്ങിയറോഡുകൾ തന്നെ
കഴിയുന്നതും വേഗം തീർക്കണം. കീഴ്ദ്യോഗസ്ഥന്മാർ പറയുന്നതിനെ മാ
ത്രം ശരിവച്ചാൽ പോരാ. അങ്ങനെ ചെയ്യുന്നയാളല്ല അദ്ദേഹം
(*laughter*) എന്നു എനിക്കറിയാം. ഒരു സംഗതിക്കുവേണ്ടിക്കു

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ന്ന സംഖ്യയിൽ ചിലകൺട്രാക്ടുമാർ മാമൂൽ അനുസരിച്ച് അധികംപണവും കരസ്ഥമാക്കും. ഇങ്ങനെയുള്ള സംഗതികളിൽ അദ്ദേഹം പ്രത്യേകം ശ്രദ്ധിക്കണം. ഇപ്പോഴത്തേക്കാൾ കുറെകൂടി ശ്രദ്ധിക്കാനുണ്ട്. പൊതുജനാവശ്യം അറിഞ്ഞു പ്രവർത്തിക്കാത്തവരും ആഴിമതിക്കാരുമായ കീഴുദ്യോഗസ്ഥന്മാരെ ശിക്ഷിക്കണം. അതിനു ആരെല്ലാം എന്തെല്ലാം പറഞ്ഞാലും അമാന്തിക്കരുത്. കീഴിലുള്ളവരെ ക്രമപ്പെടുത്തികൊണ്ടു പോകേണ്ടതത്യാവശ്യമാണ്. സൂക്ഷ്മദാരാളം ചെയ്യണം. (*Laughter.*) എങ്കിൽ തന്നെ കൃത്രിമികളെ കണ്ടുപിടിക്കാൻ സാധിക്കയുള്ളൂ. തിരുവിതാംകൂറിന്റെ പലഭാഗങ്ങളിലും കീഴിലുള്ളവരും കൺട്രാക്ടന്മാരും ചേർന്ന് കൃത്രിമംചെയ്ത പണമെല്ലാം അടിച്ചെടുക്കയാണെന്ന് ഈ വകുപ്പിനെപ്പറ്റി പണ്ടേ ജനങ്ങൾ പറയാറുണ്ട്. കീഴ് ഉദ്യോഗസ്ഥന്മാരിൽ അഴിമതിയിൽ തഴമ്പിച്ചവർ പലരുണ്ട്. അവരുടെ അഴിമതികളെ ഒക്കെ നിർത്തണം. ജനക്ഷേമം വരുത്തുന്നതിനു കൂടുതൽ ജാഗ്രൂകതയുണ്ടായിരിക്കണം; ധാരാളം സൂക്ഷ്മവേണം; എന്നുവീണ്ടും പറയട്ടെ. കണ്ടിടത്തോളം കൊണ്ട് ഇപ്പോൾ സംഖ്യകുറയ്ക്കുന്നതിനു ജനപ്രതിനിധിയുടെ നിലയിൽ ഞാൻ സമ്മതിക്കുന്നതു ശരിയായിരിക്കയില്ല.

MR. N. RAMAKRISHNA PILLAI (*Vaikam cum Ettumannur*): Sir, in making this motion I was actuated by the consideration that, during the general discussion of the budget, certain charges were made against the Chief Engineer in respect of his appointments generally. He had no opportunity then to sufficiently explain the charges made against him. It was pointed out, during the course of the general discussion of the budget, that he was partial in respect of punishments meted out to his subordinates and that in one or two instances he was partial in his appointments also. It was to give him the advantage of an opportunity to explain to the satisfaction of the House that he was absolutely innocent in these matters that I brought forward this motion. I hope Mr. Natesa Aiyar would not imagine that the attack was directed against appointments made by him alone. Our object was to point out that there are inequalities in the matter of selection for the appointments and to show that there exists an inequality in the proportion of members of different communities in his Department. Mr. Natesa Aiyar has been able to point out that, during the course of his administration, he has not been guilty of the charges made against him in the matter of selection. But we find from the *Civil List* that there is a large proportion of Brahmins in the department and it would be gratifying to see that in future, if selection is to be made equal opportunities will be given to other communities as well. It was pointed out, during the course of the discussion last day, and I need not labour the point further, that the

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choice for appointments must be made evenly from the different communities. I hope Mr. Natesa Aiyar will keep these matters in view and will not give room for complaint with regard to appointments and punishments in future.

The main work with which the Department is to concern itself does not certainly end with appointments of officers. The Engineering Department has to concern itself with the work of communications and buildings and so many other matters in which we are so deeply interested. Mr. Natesa Aiyar is the first Indian to be appointed as Chief Engineer and we are very glad that he is taking particular interest in the matter of improving the work of the Department. (Mr. P. K. Narayana Pillai: *Hear, hear.*) If there was any doubt as to his partiality, there was given an opportunity for him to explain and I am glad that he has taken that opportunity to explain to the satisfaction of the House that he has not been guilty in this respect. As I pointed out at the beginning, it was just to give that advantage to him that I brought this motion and personally I am satisfied that Mr. Natesa Aiyar has not been so much at fault as he has been represented to be. With these words, I withdraw the motion.

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha*): I beg to second the withdrawal.

MR. K. V. NATESA AIYAR (*Chief Engineer*): I have something to say with regard to Mr. M. N. Pillai's observations.

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha*): May I not second the withdrawal? (*Laughter.*)

PRESIDENT: You want to second the withdrawal? You may do so. (*Laughter.*)

MR. K. V. NATESA AIYAR (*Chief Engineer*): I wish to answer one or two points raised by Mr. M. N. Pillai.

MR. G. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*): The motion has already been withdrawn.

PRESIDENT: The withdrawal has not been accepted by the House and I am a member of the House. I think Mr. Natesa Aiyar may explain the points raised by Mr. M. N. Pillai before the House permits Mr. Ramakrishna Pillai to withdraw the motion. But please be brief, Mr. Natesa Aiyar.

MR. K. V. NATESA AIYAR (*Chief Engineer*): Yes, Sir.

Mr. M. N. Pillai referred to the re-organisation of the Department effected just before I took charge. Of course, I was consulted by the Government in the matter of the general principles of re-organisation. Mr. Jacob suggested an establishment of seven lakhs of rupees but I advised Government that the present establishment which costs only five lakhs of rupees would be sufficient to run the Department with an expenditure of about Rs. 28 lakhs. The appointments, promotions and recommendations were made by Mr. Everard and I had nothing

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to do with it. Government sanctioned them without consulting me. I did not expect to be consulted nor were the Government bound to consult me in the matter.

As regards transfers, Mr. M. N. Pillai observed that the Manager was transferred. That was done about five months before I took charge of the Department. It was suggested in the Salaries Committee's report that the place of Manager should be abolished in several of the offices. I think that the Manager's transfer was due to that suggestion of the Salaries Committee and I believe that he was transferred to a better place.

Then, with respect to the transfer of a Brahmin from the Account Office as Superintendent in the Chief Engineer's Office, that was also done before I took charge of the Department. I was not consulted in the matter. I had nothing to do with the appointment of Mr. Ranchapagesa Rao. After working in the Department, he found the work very onerous and he wanted to go back to the Account Office if he were not given some allowances. I took that opportunity to put forth the interests of men in my Department. The question of interchangeability was understood by the Account Officer in a sense different from that in which I understood it, and in the sense in which I had recommended that principle to be introduced in the re-organisation G. O. So I had to correspond with Government to see that the Superintendents are not always recruited from the Account Office and to see that the claims of deserving men in the Department are also considered. Mr. Rajagopala Rao, who was by head and shoulders above the other claimants to the post, was recommended by me for the post. Mr. Rajagopala Rao had long passed the graduate scale and risen to Rs. 100 and above. Another claimant was Mr. Rama Variar, B.A., who had acted as Superintendent for some time previously. A third claimant was Mr. Thomas B. A., B. L., who was Head Accountant and an Overseas service man. Mr. Rama Variar had been posted to the Account Office and the other two had been retained in the Chief Engineer's Office. I had nothing to do with these postings.

MR. M. N. PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): Did Mr. Rama Variar go away to the Account Office of his own accord?

MR. K. V. NATESA AIYAR (*Chief Engineer*): When I became Chief Engineer I found that recommendations had gone from Mr. Everard to Government and the Government in passing orders posted him to the Account Office.

I considered the claims of all the three applicants, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Rama Variar and Mr. Rajagopala Rao, and placed the matter before Government. Government gave their very careful consideration to the matter and Mr. Rajagopala Rao was appointed by them to the place.

MR. M. N. PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): Was Mr. Rajagopala Rao superior to the others?

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MR. K. V. NATESA AIYAR (*Chief Engineer*): Mr. Rajagopala Rao was considered to be superior to the others not only by myself but also by my predecessors.

MR. M. N. PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): Was not Mr. Rama Variar Superintendent for more than three years?

MR. K. V. NATESA AIYAR (*Chief Engineer*): He was acting as Superintendent but was reverted. The whole matter was discussed in the correspondence with the Government.

As regards the Canal Establishment, it is not a fact that I transferred all the Canal officers and posted non-Brahmins after the Redeemer Committee's report. Mr. O. S. Raman Pillai reverted to the service after suspension and he had to be provided for. He was posted to the Quilon Canal Section, reverting Mr. Jacob Joseph who was acting there. Mr. M. A. Narayana Aiyar went on leave from Vaikam and Mr. C. J. N. Pillai, an acting Supervisor at the same station, who would otherwise have had to be discharged, was asked to take his place. The other Canal officers remained in their old stations only and were not disturbed.

MR. M. N. PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): Are they Brahmins or non-Brahmins?

PRESIDENT: How does it arise?

MR. K. V. NATESA AIYAR (*Chief Engineer*): May I answer him, Sir?

PRESIDENT: No, it does not arise.

MR. K. V. NATESA AIYAR (*Chief Engineer*): I accept the suggestion that non-Brahmins should be encouraged. From the figures that I quoted, it will be clear that I am giving them preference and that I am not discouraging them. I must say, on the other hand, that I am not encouraging Brahmins as much as I can.

I am thankful to Mr. Kunjitomman for the kind appreciative remarks that he made about me. Of course, I am trying to do as much touring work as possible. In 1098, I was not able to do much touring work because I was the President of the Press Committee which sat from May to July 1923. In 1099, I have travelled to the High Ranges, to the Peermade Subdivision and to the other out of the way taluks.

MR. JOSEPH PANJIKARAN (*Shertallai*): May I know how many times the Chief Engineer visited Shertallai?

MR. K. V. NATESA AIYAR (*Chief Engineer*): I think twice, and, if Arukutty is to be included, probably thrice.

I am thankful to Mr. Ramakrishna Pillai for having brought forward the motion actuated by the consideration that the charges made against me might be properly met by me and that he only wanted to give me an opportunity to explain the matter.

MR. JOSEPH PANJIKARAN (*Shertallai*): May I know the number of days for which he remained in Shertallai on these two occasions when he visited the place?

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MR. K. V. NATESA AIYAR (*Chief Engineer*): I remained here for a night on one occasion and for an after-noon on the other.

MR. A. HOOGEWERF (*Nominated*): Is it on account of mosquitoes that the stay in the place was so short?

MR. K. V. NATESA AIYAR (*Chief Engineer*): No, it was due to want of accommodation. The T. B. was full and I had to go elsewhere on urgent business.

As regards communal representation in service, I know that due representation should be given to the qualified members of all communities. I have statements and statistics always with me for reference. The predominance of Brahmins in my Department is a legacy left to me by my predecessors and I am trying to br ng in as many non-Brahmins as possible in the service.

I also thank Mr. Ramakrishna Pillai for his appreciative remarks about the interest that I am taking in the execution of works, communication, buildings etc. I will continue to do so and try to satisfy the members as far as possible.

The motion was, by leave, withdrawn.

Motion 342.

The following motion was not moved :—

MR. M. N. PILLAI :

342. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 27,290 under Direction by Rs. 100.

Motion 343.

MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI (*Eraniel cum Vilavankod*): I beg to move :—

343. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 27,290 under Direction by Rs. 100

കോതയാർ ഇറിഗേഷൻ പ്രോജക്ററിനെ സംബന്ധിച്ചുള്ള ശരിയായ വരവു ചിലവു കണക്കുകൾ വച്ചിട്ടില്ലെന്നും, ആ കണക്കുകൾ ശരിയാക്കിവയ്ക്കേണ്ടത് അത്യാവശ്യമായിട്ടുള്ളതാണെന്നും ഉള്ള സംഗതികളെ കൌൺസിലിന്റെയും ഗവർമ്മെൻറിന്റെയും ശ്രദ്ധയിൽ കൊണ്ടുവരുന്നതിനായിട്ടാണ് ഈ മോഷൺ അവതരിപ്പിച്ചിട്ടുള്ളത്. കോതയാർ വേലകളുടെ ശരിയായ കണക്കുകൾ ഇല്ലായ്തിരിക്കുന്നതുകൊണ്ട് അതിന്റെ പരമാർത്ഥങ്ങളെപ്പററി അറിയാൻ പാടില്ലാത്ത പക്ഷം പലതെററിദ്ധാരണകൾക്കും വഴിയായി തീർന്നിരിക്കുന്നു.

കോതയാർ പ്രോജക്ററിനെ സംബന്ധിച്ചുള്ള കണക്കുകൾ ഓരോ കാലത്തേയും ഗവർൺമെൻറുകൾ ഓരോ മാതിരിയാണ് കണക്കാക്കിട്ടുള്ളത്. ഈ സംഗതിയെ ഗവർമ്മെൻറിന്റെ കണക്കുകൾ കൊണ്ടുതന്നെ തെളിയിക്കാം. കോതയാർ വേലകളിൽ 1 0 7 7 വരെയുള്ള കണ

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ക്കുകൂടം അന്നത്തെ അക്കൌണ്ടു ആഫീസർ മിസ്റ്റർ രത്നമയ്യർ എഴുതി യുണ്ടാക്കി ഗവൺമെൻറിന് അയച്ചുകൊടുത്തിട്ടുള്ളതിൻെറ ഫലമായി ഇംഗ്ലീഷുവർഷം ഫൻ ഫ ർ മാർച്ചുമാസം ഫ ർ-ാനു- ൈവ ാ-ാം നമ്പരായി എഴുതീട്ടുള്ള പ്രൊസീഡിംഗ്സിൽ ഇങ്ങനെ പറഞ്ഞിരിക്കുന്നു.

"His Highness' Government observe that, not only has the Kodayar irrigation Project not yet given any direct return worth mentioning on its capital outlay, but the Government are incurring increased expenditure on account of the working expenses. On the last day of 1088, the capital outlay (as finally revised) amounted to Rs. 77,28,808 on which the Government derived no direct net return. The expenditure incurred in 1088 for the working expenses amounted to Rs. 1,02,097. The loss to the Government on account of the Project, for keeping it working in 1088, was thus Rs. 44,823."

(*Vide* Kodayar Papers Vol. V. Page 162).

കോതയാർ വേലകളിലുള്ള ആദായത്തെപ്പറ്റി ഇങ്ങനെ ഗവർൺമെൻറു എഴുതീട്ടുള്ള പ്രൊസീഡിംഗ്സിനു അടിസ്ഥാനമായി കണക്കുകളും അതിനെ ആശ്രയിച്ചുണ്ടായിട്ടുള്ള അഭിപ്രായവും തെറ്റാണെന്ന് അടുത്തകാലത്തുതന്നെ അതായതു കോതയാർ വേലകളിൽ കിട്ടിവരുന്ന ആദായത്തെ പരിശോധിക്കുന്നതിനുണ്ടായിട്ടുള്ള കാൺഫറൻസിൻെറ പയ്യവന്നാനമായി ഇംഗ്ലീഷ് വർഷം ഫൻ ഫ ർ -ാംനവംബർ ഫ ഫ-ാനു- ഗവർൺമെൻറു എഴുതീട്ടുള്ള പ്രൊസീഡിംഗ്സിൽ, പറഞ്ഞിരിക്കുന്നു.

"The figures then stand thus:—

(1) Savings in remissions Rs. 45,000.

(2) Savings in the expenditure on the old irrigation channels and tanks Rs. 33,000

(3) New irrigation cess on the old wet lands, Rs. 27,000.

(4) The irrigation cess on 7,093 acres of dry lands already converted into wet Rs. 49,651.

(5) Assessment on 793 acres of tank-beds already sold and converted into wet lands Rs. 14,643.

(6) New irrigation cess on the 793 acres of tank-beds converted into wet Rs. 793.

Total Rs. 1,70,087.

Deduct on account of annual working expenses Rs. 50,000.

Balance Rs. 1,20,087.

Rs. 4,82,750, the sale proceeds of the tank-beds should, as stated already, go to reduce the gross capital outlay on the works. If this amount be deducted from Rs. 83,48,789 the balance is Rs. 78,66,039 on which the income is equivalent to 1½ per cent. per annum. This percentage is on the conversions of dry lands and the sales of tank-beds that have taken place till now. There is no reason to believe that the sale of 2,000 acres of tank-beds and the conversion of 25,000 acres of dry lands contemplated in G. O. No. 2,845 will not take place. When these sales and these conversions are fully effected, the capital outlay on the Project will be further reduced and the annual revenue will be more. The project is, therefore, not a failure financially."

ഫൻ ഫ ർ മാച്ചു ഫ ർ -ാനു- ഗവർൺമെൻറു എഴുതീട്ടുള്ള പ്രൊസീഡിംഗ്സിൽ പറഞ്ഞിട്ടുള്ളതു കോതയാർ ഇറിഗേഷൺ നടത്തിപ്പോരുന്നതിനു ഗവർൺമെൻറിൻെറ കൈയിൽനിന്നും ർ ർ,വ ാനു- ശ്രുപാ

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ചിലവാക്കിവരുന്ന എന്നാണ്. എന്നാൽ എട്ടുമാസങ്ങൾ കഴിഞ്ഞു ഗവർണ്മെൻറിന്റെ കൈയിൽ കിട്ടാൻ ഇടയായ വേറെ ചില കണക്കുകളെ അടിസ്ഥാനമാക്കി നൂറിന് ഫൈവ് വീതം പലിശ നടക്കുന്നതായി സമ്മതിച്ചിരിക്കുന്നു.

എന്നാൽ അതിൽപിന്നീട് ഫാമിൻ വർഷാവസാനംവരെ നൂറിൻ ഏക്കർ കൂളങ്ങൾ കൂടുതലായി വിൽക്കുകയും വർഷത്തിൻ ഏക്കർ പുതുനിലങ്ങൾ കൂടുതലായി ഉണ്ടാകയും ചെയ്തിട്ടുണ്ട്. എന്നിരുന്നിട്ടും കോതയാർ വേലകളിൽ നൂറിന് ഒന്നുപോലും പലിശ നടക്കുന്നില്ലെന്നാണ് ഫൈനാൻസുസിക്രട്ടറിയുടെ കഴിഞ്ഞ ബഡ്ജറ്റ് പ്രസംഗത്തിൽ പറഞ്ഞിട്ടുള്ളത്. ചീഫ് ഇഞ്ചിനീയരുടെ ഫാമിൻ വർഷത്തെ ഭരണറിപ്പോർട്ടിൽ ഫൈവ് ഓളം പലിശ നടക്കുന്നതായി അദ്ദേഹം പറഞ്ഞിരിക്കുന്നു. ഇവിടെയും ഇവരുടെ കണക്കുകൾ യോജിക്കാതെയാണ് കാണുന്നത്. ഫാമിൻ മുതൽ ഫാമിൻ വരെ കോതയാർ വേലകളിൽ പലേ വഴികളിലും ഉണ്ടായിട്ടുള്ള അനാവശ്യചിലവുകളും അധികചിലവുകളും കണക്കാക്കുന്നപക്ഷം ഒരുവലുതായ തുക ഉണ്ടായിരിക്കുന്നതാണ് ഇതിലേക്ക് ഒരു ദൃഷ്ടാന്തമായി ഇരട്ടക്കരചാനലിനെ എടുക്കാവുന്നതാണ്. ഈ ചാനലിന്റെ ഉപയോഗത്തെപ്പറ്റി താരതമ്യപ്പെടുത്തിനോക്കുമ്പോൾ ചാനലിന്റെ വലിപ്പം ആവശ്യത്തിൽ വളരെ കൂടുതലാണെന്ന് ആരും സമ്മതിക്കുന്നതാണ്. ഇങ്ങനെ ഇഞ്ചിനീയരന്മാരുടെ വിദഗ്ദ്ധാഭിപ്രായങ്ങളുടെ ദോഷത്താൽ പ്രാജക്ടിനു പലവിധമായ അധികചിലവുകളും നഷ്ടങ്ങളും വന്നിട്ടുള്ളതിനു പലേ ദൃഷ്ടാന്തങ്ങളും പറയാവുന്നതാണ്.

PRESIDENT: I am afraid you are fighting a phantom as to the way in which the charges are adjusted.

MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI (*Eraniel* cum *Vilavankod*): Not exactly that. There are so many items which are to be deducted from the capital outlay.

PRESIDENT: Is there any money lost?

MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI (*Eraniel* cum *Vilavankod*): Those items should be taken together and deducted from the capital outlay to work out the interest.

PRESIDENT: Government do not recover anything more than the cess.

MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI (*Eraniel* cum *Vilavankod*): Certainly, we will be satisfied if the low rate of interest now realised is not made an excuse for enhancing the cess.

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PRESIDENT: I do not think that Government have asked for any extra cess or tax.

MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI (*Eraniel* cum *Vilavankod*): I shall explain. Many of the people in South Travancore are anxious and it is better to have a correct account.

PRESIDENT: What is correct and what is not correct is a matter of opinion.

MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI (*Eraniel* cum *Vilavankod*): I request you to hear my explanation.

PRESIDENT: All right, you may explain. I have no objection.

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha*): May I know what this particular motion itself is leading to?

PRESIDENT: Mr. Kumara Pillai is complaining that the classification of the various items of expenditure is wrong.

MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI (*Eraniel* cum *Vilavankod*). It is not exactly the classification of expenditure. I am coming to that.

RAO BAHADUR K. A. KRISHNA AIYANGAR (*Nominated*) (*Deputy President*): May I know whether Mr. Kumara Pillai is agreeable to the Government levying at least 4 or 5 per cent. on the actual capital spent by the Government?

MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI (*Eraniel* cum *Vilavankod*): അങ്ങനെ ഒരു കരാറില്ലാത്തതാണ്.

RAO BAHADUR K. A. KRISHNA AIYANGAR (*Nominated*) (*Deputy President*): Is any useful purpose served then?

MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI (*Eraniel* cum *Vilavankod*): കോതയാർ പ്രോജക്ററിൽ ഉൾപ്പെട്ട കുളങ്ങളിൽ പലതിനേയും പുതുക്കം പതിച്ചുകൊടുത്തിട്ടുണ്ട്. ഈ ഇനത്തിൽ കോതയാർ പ്രോജക്ററിന്റെ വരവിൽ വലുതായ നഷ്ടം വന്നിട്ടുണ്ട്. ഇതിനെ ഒരു ദൃഷ്ടാന്തത്താൽ തെളിയിക്കാം. ൨൦ ഏക്കറിൽപരം വിസ്താരമുള്ള ഒരു കുളത്തെ ഒരാൾക്ക് ഏക്കർ ഒന്നിന് ൨൫൦ രൂപായ്ക്ക് പതിച്ചുകൊടുത്തിരിക്കുന്നു. ഈകുളത്തിന് ഏക്കറിന് ൨൫൦൦ രൂപാവച്ചു ലേലത്തിൽ വിളികേൾക്കാനും പതിച്ചു വാങ്ങാനും ആളുകൾ തയ്യാറുണ്ടായിരിക്കയും ആ വിവരം കാണിച്ച് ആ കാലത്തുതന്നെ ഗവരണ്മെൻറിനു പലരും ഹർജികൾ കൊടുക്കയും ചെയ്തിട്ടുണ്ട്. ആ ഹർജികളെ വകവയ്ക്കാതെ ആ കുളത്തെ ഏക്കറിന് ൨൫൦ രൂപാവച്ചു പതിച്ചുകൊടുക്കയാണ് ചെയ്തിട്ടുള്ളത്. അതിന്റെ ഫലത്തെപ്പററിയാണ് ഇനി നോക്കേണ്ടതു്. ആ കുളത്തിന് ഏക്കറിന് ൨൫൦൦ രൂപാതരാൻ ജനങ്ങൾ തയ്യാറുള്ളപ്പോൾ ൨൫൦ രൂപായ്ക്കു പതിച്ചുകൊടുത്തതിൽ ആവകയിൽ ൪൫,൦൦൦ രൂപാ കുറവുവരികയും ആ ഉക കോതയാർ വേലകളിലെ ആകത്തുകയിൽ നിന്നും കുറയ്ക്കുവാൻ സാധിക്കാതെവരികയും ചെയ്തിരിക്കുന്നു. അതിലേക്കും കൃഷിക്കാർ പലിശ കൊടുക്കേണ്ടതായി വന്നിരിക്കുന്നു.

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MR. N. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*) : ഫ ൦ ൻ വ.ൽ കോതയാർ പ്രാജക്ററുവകയ്ക്ക് എത്ര രൂപാ വരവും ചിലവും വന്നിട്ടുണ്ടെന്നു പറയാമോ?

MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI (*Eraniel* cum *Vilavankod*) : ചീഫ് ഇഞ്ചിനീയരുടെ ഫ ൦ ൻ വ.ലെ രേണ്ടറിപ്പോർട്ടിൽ ആ കണക്കുകൾ ഉള്ളതാണ്. കോതയാർ വേലകളുടെ കണക്കുകളിൽ വന്നിട്ടുള്ള കുഴപ്പത്തെപ്പററിയാണു ഞാൻ പറഞ്ഞുവരുന്നത്. അതുകേട്ടതിൽ പിന്നീടു തൃപ്തിയായില്ലെങ്കിൽ കൂടുതൽ വിവരത്തോടുകൂടി വീണ്ടും പറയാം.

കോതയാർ അണകെട്ടുന്നതിന് ആദ്യമായി നിശ്ചയിച്ച സ്ഥലത്ത് ഒട്ടുവളരെ പണം ചിലവാക്കിയതിൽ പിന്നീടു ആ സ്ഥലത്തെ മാററിയതിനാൽ വന്നിട്ടുള്ള ചിലവു, വലത്തെ കരക്കാൽ വെട്ടുകയും പിന്നീട് ഉപേക്ഷിക്കയും ചെയ്തതിൽ വന്നിട്ടുള്ള ചിലവു, ഇങ്ങനെ വിദഗ്ദ്ധാഭിപ്രായത്തിന്റെ ദോഷത്താൽ ഫ ൦ സൻ മുതൽ ഫ ൦ വ ൭ വരെ വരുത്തീട്ടുള്ള അനാവശ്യച്ചിലവുകളെ കണക്കാക്കുന്നതായാൽ അതുതന്നെ ഫ, ൭ ൫, വ ൫ നു രൂപാ വരുന്നതാണ്. ഈ തുകയെ കോതയാർ വേലകളുടെ ആകത്തുകയിൽനിന്നും കുറയ്ക്കേണ്ടതിനു പകരം അതിലേക്കു കൂടി കൃഷിക്കാർ പലിശകൊടുക്കേണ്ടതായിട്ടാണ് വന്നിരിക്കുന്നതു.

ഈ തുക കോതയാർ വേലകളിലെ ആകത്തുകയിൽനിന്നും കുറയ്ക്കേണ്ടതാണെന്ന് എത്രയോ മുമ്പുതന്നെ ഫൈനാൻഷ്യൽ സിക്രട്ടറി ഗവർൺമെൻറിനെ അറിയിച്ചിട്ടുള്ളതാണ്.

PRESIDENT: It should not be deducted from the capital outlay.

MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI (*Eraniel* cum *Vilavankod*) : Are we to pay the interest for that also ?

PRESIDENT: Such mistakes are unavoidable in a big scheme like this. Cost of investigations, we usually charge to the work itself. And if it is found that a particular thing is a mistake and that is subsequently rectified, all that must go to the capital expenditure.

MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI (*Eraniel* cum *Vilavankod*) : Then, I am coming to another point.

MR. TARIATU KUNJITOMMAN (*Muvattupuzha*) : കോതയാറണയ്ക്കു വാസ്തവത്തിൽ ചിലവാക്കീട്ടുള്ളതുപോരാ എന്നു കാണിക്കാനാണോ മിസ്റ്റർ കുമാരപിള്ള ഇതുകൊണ്ടുവന്നത്?

MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI (*Eraniel* cum *Vilavankod*): അത് എന്റെ പ്രസംഗം മുഴുവനും ശ്രദ്ധാപൂർവ്വം കേട്ടാൽ മനസ്സിലാകുന്നതാണ്.

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MR. TARIATU KUNJITOMMAN (*Muvattupuzha*): സമയം വെറുതെ കളയുകയാണെങ്കിൽ സമയം കൊടുക്കരുതെന്നു പ്രസിഡൻറിനോടപേക്ഷിക്കാനാണ് ചോദിച്ചത്.

MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI (*Eraniel* cum *Vilavankod*): തെക്കൻതിരുവിതാംകൂർകാക്ക് ഇത് ഏറ്റവും പ്രധാനമായ ഒരു സംഗതിയാണ്.

MR. TARIATU KUNJITOMMAN (*Muvattupuzha*): ഞാനും തിരുവിതാംകൂറിലുള്ള ആളുതന്നെയാണെന്നറിയാമല്ലോ.

MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI (*Eraniel* cum *Vilavankod*): മറെറാരു പ്രധാനമായ സംഗതി എനിക്കു പറവാനുള്ളതു കുളങ്ങളെ ലേലത്തിൽ വിൽക്കുമ്പോഠം നിശ്ചയിച്ചിട്ടുള്ളതായ കരത്തെ അതിൽപിന്നീട് കുറച്ചു കൊടുത്തിട്ടുള്ള സംഗതിയെപ്പററിയാണ്. കുളങ്ങളെ ലേലത്തിൽ വിൽക്കുമ്പോഠം ഏക്കറിനു ൨ ഠ രൂപാ കരം നിശ്ചയിച്ചിരുന്നു എന്നിരിക്കട്ടെ. അതിനെ ലേലത്തിൽ വിററതിൽപിന്നീട് ൨ രൂപായായി കുറച്ചുകൊടുക്കുന്നു. ഇതിനാൽ പ്രാജക്ടറിന്റെ ആദായത്തിനു രണ്ടുവിധമായ നഷ്ടം വരുന്നു. ഒന്നാമത്തെ നഷ്ടം പിന്നീട് കുറച്ചിട്ടുള്ളതായ കരം ലേലത്തിനുമുമ്പായിരുന്നുവെങ്കിൽ ലേലത്തിൽത്തന്നെ എത്രയോ കൂടുതലായ ഒരു തുക കിട്ടുന്നതാണ്. അങ്ങനെ ചെയ്യാത്തതുകൊണ്ട് ആകത്തുകയിൽ നിന്നും കുറയ്ക്കേണ്ട തുക വളരെ കുറഞ്ഞുപോകുന്നു. രണ്ടാമത്തെ നഷ്ടം കരത്തിൽ കിട്ടുന്നതായ തുക കോതയാർ പ്രാജക്ടറിന്റെ വരവിൽ ചേർക്കേണ്ടതിൽ കുറഞ്ഞുപോകുന്നു.

MR. N. RAMAKRISHNA PILLAI (*Vaikam* cum *Ettumanur*): ആണ്ടുതോറും ചിലവാക്കുന്ന തുകയുടെ പലിശക്കുടി ഈ കണക്കിൽ വകവയ്ക്കുന്നുണ്ടോ? അതായത് ആണ്ടുതോറും ഒരു ലക്ഷമോ രണ്ടുലക്ഷമോ രൂപാ ചിലവാക്കുന്നുണ്ട്; ആ തുകയുടെ പലിശക്കുടി ഈ കണക്കിൽ വകവയ്ക്കുന്നുണ്ടോ?

MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI (*Eraniel* cum *Vilavankod*): ഇങ്ങനെയുള്ള വലിയ വേലകളിൽ അങ്ങിനെ പലിശകണക്കാക്കാറില്ല. എന്നതന്നെയല്ല ഇങ്ങനെയുള്ള വലിയ വേലകളിൽ പലിശയേക്കാം ഏറ്റവും പ്രധാനമായി നോക്കേണ്ടത് അതിനാലുണ്ടാകുന്ന ജനങ്ങളുടെ അഭിവൃദ്ധിയെയാണ്. ഈ തത്വത്തെ Famine Commission റിപ്പോർട്ടിൽ വ്യക്തമായി വിവരിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ട്. സമയക്കുറവുകൊണ്ട് അതിനെ മിസ്റ്റർ രാമകൃഷ്ണപിള്ളയെ വായിച്ചു കേൾപ്പിക്കാൻ ഞാൻ ശ്രമിക്കുന്നില്ല. അത്

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എന്റെ കൈയിലുണ്ട്. പ്രസംഗം കഴിഞ്ഞിട്ട് മിസ്റ്റർ രാമകൃഷ്ണപിള്ളയെ ആ ഭാഗം കാണിച്ചുതരാം.

MR. G. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*): കോതയാറിലെ വെള്ളം തെക്കൻതിരുവിതാംകൂർകാക്കു മാത്രമെ ഉപയോഗപ്പെട്ടുന്നുള്ളോ? അതല്ല തിരുവിതാംകൂറിലെ എല്ലാ ജനങ്ങൾക്കും ഉപയോഗപ്പെട്ടുന്നുണ്ടോ?

MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI (*Eraniel cum Vilavankod*): നിങ്ങൾക്കു നല്ലപോലെ അറിയാവുന്ന സംഗതിക്കു മറുപടി പറയേണ്ട ആവശ്യമില്ലാത്തതാണ്. തെക്കൻതിരുവിതാംകൂറിൽനിന്നും രാജ്യത്തിന്റെ മറ്റു സ്ഥലങ്ങൾക്ക് അരിയും നെല്ലും കൊണ്ടുപോകാറുണ്ടോ എന്നു ചോദിച്ചിട്ടുള്ളതിനു മറുപടി പറയാൻ പ്രയാസമില്ലാത്തതാണ്. കഴിഞ്ഞയുദ്ധകാലത്തു അരിക്കും നെല്ലിനും വലുതായ കുറവു വന്നപ്പോൾ തെക്കൻതിരുവിതാംകൂറിൽ നിന്നും രാജ്യത്തിന്റെ മറുഭാഗങ്ങളിലേക്കു ധാരാളമായി അരിയും നെല്ലും കൊണ്ടുപോയിട്ടുണ്ട്. തെക്കൻതിരുവിതാംകൂറിൽനിന്നും മറ്റു സ്ഥലങ്ങളിലേക്കു നെല്ലും അരിയും കൊണ്ടുപോകുന്നതിനു പാസ്സുവച്ചിരുന്നതിനാൽ അതിന്റെ കണക്കുകൾ സൂക്ഷ്മമായി അറിയാൻ ഇടയായിട്ടുണ്ട്. അതിന്റെ ആകത്തുക ഇപ്പോൾ എനിക്ക് ഓർമ്മയില്ലെങ്കിലും ഒരുവലുതായ സംഖ്യ കൊണ്ടുപോയിട്ടുണ്ടെന്ന് എനിക്കറിയാവുന്നതാണ്. ഇതിന്റെ സൂക്ഷ്മമായ കണക്കുകൾ അന്നത്തെ ഗസറ്റിൽ പരസ്യപ്പെടുത്തീട്ടുണ്ടായിരുന്നു.

MR. TARIATU KUNJITOMMAN (*Muvattupuzha*): ഉത്തരതിരുവിതാംകൂറിലേക്കു കൊണ്ടുപോയിട്ടുണ്ടോ?

MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI (*Eraniel cum Vilavankod*): തിരുവിതാംകൂറിന്റെ പല സ്ഥലങ്ങളിലേയ്ക്കും കൊണ്ടുപോയിട്ടുണ്ട്.

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha*): നെല്ലു കൊണ്ടുപോയിട്ടുള്ള ഏതെങ്കിലും സ്ഥലത്തിന്റെ നാമധേയം പറയാമോ?

MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI (*Eraniel cum Vilavankod*): മിസ്റ്റർ പി. കെ. നാരായണപിള്ളയുടെ ചോദ്യം കേൾക്കാനിടയായില്ല. എന്താണെന്ന് അറിഞ്ഞാൽകൊള്ളാം.

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha*): ശ്രീമാൻ കുമാരപിള്ള പറഞ്ഞതുപോലെ നെല്ലു ഉത്തരവിരുവിതാംകൂറിൽ കൊണ്ടുപോയിട്ടുള്ള താലൂക്കുകളുടെ നാമധേയം പറയാമോ?

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MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI (*Eraniel* cum *Vilavankod*) : മിസ്റ്റർ നാരായണപിള്ള ഉത്തരതിരുവിതാംക്കൂർ എന്നുദ്ദേശിക്കുന്നത് തിരുവിതാംക്കൂറിന്റെ ഏതുമുതൽ ഏതുവരെയുള്ള ഭാഗമാണെന്ന് അറിയിച്ചാൽ പറയാം.

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha*) : ശ്രീമാൻ കുമാരപിള്ള ഉത്തരതിരുവിതാംക്കൂർ എന്നു പറഞ്ഞ സമയം എന്തുദ്ദേശിച്ചാ അതുമാത്രം.

MR. TARIATU KUNJITOMMAN (*Muvattupuzha*) : മുവാറ്റുപുഴത്താലൂക്കിൽ കൊണ്ടുപോയിട്ടുണ്ടോ?

MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI (*Eraniel* cum *Vilavankod*) : അക്കാലത്തു നെല്ലുകൊണ്ടുപോകുന്ന അവസരങ്ങളിൽ എനിക്കു വേറെ ജോലികൾ ധാരാളമുണ്ടായിരുന്നതിനാൽ അതിനെപ്പറ്റി അന്വേഷിക്കാൻ സാധിച്ചിട്ടില്ലാ.

MR. TARIATU KUNJITOMMAN (*Muvattupuzha*) : പിന്നെ യെങ്ങനെയാണ് കുമാരപിള്ളയവർകൾ ഉത്തരതിരുവിതാംക്കൂറിൽ കൊണ്ടുപോയിട്ടുണ്ടെന്നറിഞ്ഞത്?

MR. M. K. KHADIR PILLAI (*Nominated*) : എന്തു വിലവച്ചാണ് നെല്ലുകൊടുക്കുന്നതെന്നു പറയാമോ?

MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI (*Eraniel* cum *Vilavankod*): എനിക്കു കച്ചവടമില്ലായിരുന്നു. കച്ചവടവുമായുള്ള അടുപ്പവും ഇല്ലായിരുന്നു. അതിനാൽ എനിക്ക് അറിയാൻപാടില്ലാ.

MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI (*Eraniel* cum *Vilavankod*): കോതയാർ പ്രോജക്ടറിന്റെ കണക്കുകൾ ശരിയാക്കി വയ്ക്കേണ്ടതാണെന്നു പറയുമ്പോൾ അതിന് ഇപ്പോൾ ഉണ്ടായ ആവശ്യം എന്താണെന്നു പലരും ആലോചിക്കുമായിരിക്കും. കോതയാർ വെള്ളപ്പരപ്പിക്കുന്നതിനുള്ള ആലോചന ഗവർണ്മെന്റിന് ഒരു കാലത്തുണ്ടായിരുന്നതായി എനിക്കറിയാവുന്നതാണ്. ൧൯-ായിരത്തിൽ പരം രൂപാ ഗവർണ്മെന്റിന്റെ കൈയിൽനിന്നും ചിലവായി വരുന്നതായി കണക്കാക്കിയിരുന്നതിനെ സംബന്ധിച്ചു വീണ്ടും ആലോചനകൾ ഉണ്ടാകുകയും കണക്കുകൾ പരിശോധിക്കയും ചെയ്തപ്പോൾ മുൻ കണക്കുകൾ തെറ്റാണെന്നും ൧ ൦ ൦-നു നെരുവീതം പലിശനടക്കുമെന്നു കാണുകയുംചെയ്തു. കുളങ്ങൾ പതിച്ചു കൊടുക്കുക, കുളങ്ങൾ വിറ്റതിൽ പിന്നീടു കരം കുറവു ചെയ്തു കൊടുക്കുക, മുതലായ പലേ സംഗതികളിലും കോതയാർ പ്രോജക്ടറിന്റെ

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വരവിനു വല്യതായ നഷ്ടങ്ങളും വരുത്തീട്ടുള്ളതാണ്. ഇന്നത്തെ ദിവാൻജിക്ക് ഈ സംഗതികളും അറിയാവുന്നതാണ്. ഈ കൌൺസിലിൽ ദിവാൻജിയും പ്രസിഡൻറും ഒരാളാകയാൽ ഈ സംഗതികളെപ്പറ്റി പറയുമ്പോൾ അദ്ദേഹത്തിനു ധാരാളം മനസ്സിലാക്കാൻ സാധിക്കുന്നതാണ്. ദിവാൻപദം മറെറാരാളിൽ കൈമാറുമ്പോൾ കോതയാർ പ്രോജക്ററിലെ വരവിനു വരുത്തീട്ടുള്ള ദോഷങ്ങളെപ്പറ്റി അറിയാൻ സാധിക്കയില്ല. മേശപ്പുറത്തു കാണുന്ന കണക്കുകളെ അടിസ്ഥാനമാക്കി പ്രവർത്തിക്കാനേ സാധിക്കയുള്ളൂ. ഇതിനെല്ലാം പുറമേ ഏതു കാര്യത്തിനായിരുന്നാലും അതിലേക്കു ശരിയായ കണക്കു വയ്ക്കേണ്ടത് അത്യാവശ്യമാണെന്ന് ആരും സമ്മതിക്കുന്നതാണ്. വിശേഷിച്ചും സർക്കാർ കണക്കുകൾ പരസ്പരവിരുദ്ധമായി വരുന്നതു ഒരിക്കലും നന്നായിരിക്കുകയില്ല. അതിനാൽ ആ കണക്കുകളെ ശരിയാക്കിവയ്ക്കേണ്ടത് അത്യാവശ്യമെന്നാണ് ഞാൻ പറയുന്നത്. അതിലേക്കു ഗവർണ്മെൻറു തയ്യാറാകുമ്പോൾ മേൽ വിവരിച്ച പലവിധമായ അഴിമതിച്ചിലവുകൾ ഗവർണ്മെൻറിൻെറ ശ്രദ്ധയിൽ വരേണ്ടതും അവ കോതയാർ വേലകളുടെ അകത്തുകയിൽ നിന്നും കുറയ്ക്കേണ്ടതുമാകുന്നു.

MR. T. K. VELU PILLAI (*Trivandrum cum Nedumangad*): Sir, I rise to second Mr. Kumara Pillai's motion. It may be asked how the question is relevant. I may, at the outset, explain that it is relevant in the sense that, when the time comes for the distribution of money to different parts of Travancore by the Public Works Department, various questions regarding the claims of particular taluks and particular localities will arise. It has been said and has been maintained for a very long time that Travancore finances—

PRESIDENT: Order, order.

MR. T. K. VELU PILLAI (*Trivandrum cum Nedumangad*): I do not talk if my friends here are talking when I am in possession of the House. For, I would not be able to make myself heard unless my friends are kind enough to allow me to speak.

MR. G. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*): May I know whether Mr. Velu Pillai is aware that he has no right to ask us to listen to him?

MR. T. K. VELU PILLAI (*Trivandrum cum Nedumangad*): I do not want people to listen if they cannot benefit by the discussion. (*Laughter.*) But I wish members of this Council to hear me and to see for themselves whether what I say is right or wrong. I want them only to listen. I know that Mr. G. Paramesvaran Pillai has read in the Parliamentary Reports that a member has

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got a right to speak but not to be heard. I know that as well as Mr. G. Parameswaran Pillai. (*Laughter.*)

PRESIDENT: Order, please.

MR. T. K. VELU PILLAI (*Trivandrum* cum *Nedumangad*): The question of contribution is important in this way that it is because of the mistakes in calculations that have been spectacularly demonstrated by my friend Mr. Kumara Pillai that there is an impression abroad that the Travancore Government was spending large amounts on the Kodayar Project. Sir, I do not hold any land near the Kodayar. I have not an inch of ground anywhere near the Kodayar nor am I prejudiced against the claims of other parts of Travancore. I may remind the House, for their kind consideration, that, when I moved a resolution on the maintenance of irrigation works, I said that North Travancore and Central Travancore should be assisted as well as South Travancore. So, it is not from any narrow or parochial spirit that I am supporting the motion. The original calculations regarding the cost of the Kodayar project were found to be incorrect and the Government deviated from the policy which was laid down by them. On account of the mistaken action taken by the Government, these calculations were belied and the Kodayar Dam itself was built at a different place. Expenses were incurred.

PRESIDENT: Will you please explain how the calculations were belied?

MR. T. K. VELU PILLAI (*Trivandrum* cum *Nedumangad*): That is what Mr. Kumara Pillai has shown by figures.

PRESIDENT: That is a problematical business. They are not the actual realisations from the sale or registry of tank-beds. All that he says is that a particular tank-bed was worth Rs. 2,500 per acre and that it was registered for Rs. 250 per acre, and so, the capital account should be credited with the balance. That is purely a problematical affair.

MR. T. K. VELU PILLAI (*Trivandrum* cum *Nedumangad*): I am sorry to differ from the President, but I must differ. Because, to my mind, it appears that Mr. Kumara Pillai is perfectly correct.

PRESIDENT: I am mentioning it simply to show that the matter is very debatable.

MR. T. K. VELU PILLAI (*Trivandrum* cum *Nedumangad*): I thank you, Sir, for the explanation, as I may be able to explain myself better. The Government expected some money. The Government said that they would spend so much and they calculated the profit. At that time, it was anticipated that certain tank-beds, if sold, would bring in so much revenue as *tharavila*, so much by way of compensation and so much by way of additional taxes which may be imposed on lands which were dry before the Project and which would become wet after the Project. Now, if land was registered in disobedience of the policy laid down by the Government, I must say that it is a thing for which the people of South Travancore should not be held responsible.

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[Mr. T. K. Velu Pillai.]

PRESIDENT: Does Mr. Velu Pillai know that the estimates and expectations in regard to any large Project are not actually realised?

MR. T. K. VELU PILLAI (*Trivandrum* cum *Nedumangad*): I realise that, Sir.

PRESIDENT: Actual realisations are different from expectations.

MR. T. K. VELU PILLAI (*Trivandrum* cum *Nedumangad*): I quite realise that, Sir. My answer is only this. If it is proved to the satisfaction of the Council that Government did everything in their power to find purchasers and to realise the maximum amount, I am prepared to withdraw my criticism. But a different state of facts has been mentioned by Mr. Kumara Pillai. If land was proclaimed to be sold at so much tax per acre and intending purchasers were unwilling to spend a large amount of money because of the increased assessment—if the tax was reduced behind their back after the registry took place—if the Government have done in the manner that has been pointed out by Mr. Kumara Pillai,—they alone are liable, and there is no use in coming down upon them on the strength of benefits which they do not derive.

PRESIDENT: It is a thing which should be examined in each case of registry.

MR. T. K. VELU PILLAI (*Trivandrum* cum *Nedumangad*): I accept Mr. Kumara Pillai's figures. I am sometimes sceptical about the accuracy of figures. But with the little training in statistics that I have had and with the experience of Mr. Kumara Pillai's method of collecting figures, with which I am satisfied, I am prepared to accept his figures and I can challenge any member of this House to say that these figures are wrong. Mr. Kumara Pillai is very good at figures.

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha*): Hear, hear.

MR. T. K. VELU PILLAI (*Trivandrum* cum *Nedumangad*): I am referring to this for an important purpose. If the calculation of profit is due to intentional violation of privileges, the inhabitants of a particular locality should not be made to bear any loss. I do not ask for any exceptional treatment for South Travancore. If a considerable sum of money has been spent in South Travancore, adequate amounts may be spent in other parts of the country also. Now, if there is a proper account and if Government realise that a work like this, which is for the permanent benefit of the country, is necessary, they are obliged to spend large sums. If all these facts are realised, there is no necessity for any issue being joined by myself and by any gentleman on this side of the House.

PRESIDENT: A number of things have been assumed. You have to realise that this is a project.

MR. T. K. VELU PILLAI (*Trivandrum* cum *Nedumangad*): Yes, so that finally we might have some idea as to what amount has been spent

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on the Kodayar Project. Let us not be under any delusion. That is the first point. Secondly, if the other parts of the country require money and if a similar work could be started with advantage, I am certainly for devoting as much money as the Government can command. But Mr. Kumara Pillai's motion is absolutely tenable. In the first place, it will minimise the discussion between the respective claims of North and South Travancore. There is no difference in interests between North and South Travancore worth the name. It is a question of sentiment and people come—

MR. J. JOHN NIDIRY (*Changanachery* cum *Minachil*): May I know whether, after an enquiry, if it is found that more money was spent, will South Travancore be prepared to contribute that sum by way of additional taxation?

PRESIDENT: To the exchequer?

MR. T. K. VELU PILLAI (*Trivandrum* cum *Nedumangad*): A contract entered into on this question between Mr. Nidiry and myself will not be a binding contract. It is a question which is hypothetical which according to the rules of the Council the members are not expected to answer. So, I cannot answer him. I have one advantage. In the previous motion, as in other motions, the member in charge of the Department was not able to do his duty to the public, because he had to vindicate his own private character. If he is obliged to vindicate his private character and his official position in the same breath it is impossible. I am making these observations because of the speeches made by Mr. Tariatu Kunjitomman and Mr. Ramakrishna Pillai. References were made to the fact that they had absolved the Chief Engineer. It is rather a patronising way of saying that they have absolved the Chief Engineer. At any rate in the discussion of this question, the Chief Engineer's part is clear and his labours are lighter. I have attempted to show how Mr. Kumara Pillai's motion is absolutely necessary. It will prevent mistakes, misconceptions, and I will also say, it will prevent misunderstanding between the men of the north and the south and help the Government in doing their duty and facilitate the speedy disposal of business in this Council, if they accept the motion.

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha*): I support the motion by making a few remarks. In my taluk, Sir,—I have written to Mr. Natesa Aiyar about it—there is the necessity of opening a road. The road was originally contemplated to be opened, so that the Ambalapuzha taluk may be connected with the Tiruvalla taluk on the other side. I consider that road absolutely necessary, and if the Chief Engineer is so good as to take it up, it will prove highly useful especially at a time when owing to floods people in the locality are hard put to it. With these few observations, I support the motion. (*Laughter.*)

MR. TARIATU KUNJITOMMAN (*Muvattupuzha*): ഞാൻ ഒരു പ്രമേയത്തെ അനുകൂലിക്കുന്നു. മിസ്റ്റർ കുമാരപിള്ള പറഞ്ഞതുപോലെ

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[Mr. Tariatu Kunjitomman.]

കോതയാറണയ്ക്ക വച്ചിട്ടുള്ള കണക്കിൽ ചിലവു ചെയ്തിട്ടുള്ള പണത്തിന ശരിയായിട്ടുള്ള കണക്ക വന്നിട്ടില്ലെന്നോ അല്ലാത്തപക്ഷം ക്രട്ടതലായിട്ട കണക്കെഴുതിയെന്നോ ഉള്ളതു ശരിപ്പെട്ടുത്തേണ്ടതാവശ്യമാണ്. ഒരം രാജ്യത്തെ എല്ലാ ആളുകളുടെയും—ഉത്തരതിരുവിതാംക്രർകാരുടെയും—പണമാണ് അവിടെ ചിലവു ചെയ്തിട്ടുള്ളത്. അതിന്റെ കണക്ക ശരി ല്ലെങ്കിൽ അതിനെ ശരിപ്പെട്ടുത്തേണ്ടതാണെന്നുള്ളതിന സംശയമില്ല. ഉത്തരതിരുവിതാംക്രറിൽ പല പ്രദേശങ്ങളിൽ പണം ചിലവു ചെയ്യാനുണ്ട്. ആ ചിലവുകൾ ചെയ്ത് അതിനെങ്കിലും ശരിയായ വിധത്തിൽ കണക്ക വയ്ക്കുന്നതിന ഗവർണ്മെന്റ ശ്രദ്ധിക്കേണ്ടതാണ്. ഇതിനെക്കാൾ ക്രട്ടതലാദായം പ്രതിവത്സരം കിട്ടുന്ന പല വേലകളും ഉത്തരതിരുവിതാംക്രറിൽ ചെയ്യാനുണ്ട്. ഒരു വലിയ വേലയ്ക്ക ചിലവു ചെയ്യുന്നതിൽ ഒട്ടെല്ലാം പാഴ്ചിലവായിട്ടും വരാം. ഇനി ഇറിഗേഷൻ വേലകൾക്കു വടക്കൻ തിരുവിതാംക്രറിൽ ചിലവു ചെയ്തു കഴിഞ്ഞതിന മേൽ വേണം തെക്കൻ തിരുവിതാംക്രറിൽ ചെലവു ചെയ്യാൻ. അത്യാവശ്യമായ വേലകൾ പലതും ഉത്തരതിരുവിതാംക്രറിൽ ചെയ്യേണ്ടതായുണ്ടെന്നുള്ളതിന സന്ദേഹമില്ല തെക്കൻ തിരുവിതാംക്രറിൽനിന്നും നെല്ല് വടക്കൻ തിരുവിതാംക്രറിലയയ്ക്കുന്ന എന്ന് എന്റെ മാന്യസ്നേഹിതൻ പറഞ്ഞതു ശരിയായിരിക്കാമെന്നു വിചാരിക്കുന്നു. എന്നാൽ എനിക്ക മറ്റു വിധത്തിൽ ആ സംഗതി അറിവില്ല. ഉത്തരതിരുവിതാംക്രറിൽനിന്ന നെല്ല് മധ്യതിരുവിതാംക്രറിലെ ആലപ്പുഴ മുതലായ തുറമുഖങ്ങളിൽ വരുന്നുണ്ട്. ഉത്തരതിരുവിതാംക്രറിലെ ഉൾനാടുകളിൽ കൃഷിസേചനവേലകൾ നടത്തേണ്ടതിന്റെ ആവശ്യകതയെ കൌൺസിലിൽ ഞാൻ ചോദ്യങ്ങൾ വഴിയായും മറ്റും അറിയിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ട്. ഉത്തരതിരുവിതാംക്രറിൽ മൂവാറ്റുപുഴത്താലൂക്കിൽ പെരിയാറു തീരത്തു തരിശായി കിടക്കുന്ന അയ്യായിരത്തിലധികം ഏക്കർ സ്ഥലങ്ങൾക്ക് പതിനായിരമോ ഇരുപതിനായിരമോ രൂപാ ചിലവുചെയ്താൽ അവ ഒന്നാംതരം നിലങ്ങളാകും. ഇതുപോലെ മുരുങ്ങിയ തുക ചിലവു ചെയ്ത വളരെ സ്ഥലങ്ങളെ നെൽകൃഷിക്കുപയുക്തമാക്കാം. അങ്ങനെയുള്ള കാര്യങ്ങളിൽ ഗവർണ്മെന്റിന്റെ ശ്രദ്ധ പ്രത്യേകം പതിയേണ്ടതാണ്. കോടിക്കണക്കിന കോതയാറണയ്ക്കും മറ്റും തെക്കൻ തിരുവിതാംക്രറിൽ കൃഷിയുടെ അഭിവൃദ്ധിക്കായി ചിലവു ചെയ്തിരിക്കേ ലക്ഷക്കണക്കിനെങ്കിലും വടക്കും ചിലവു ചെയ്യേണ്ടതാണെന്ന പ്രസ്താവിച്ചുകൊണ്ട ഞാൻ മിസ്റ്റർ കുമാരപിള്ളയെ അനുകൂലിക്കുന്നു.

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MR. C. SANKARA MENON (*Quilon*): I beg to support the motion.

MR. K. V. NATESA AIYAR (*Chief Engineer*): I did not hear what Mr. Sankara Menon said. The subject matter of Mr. Kumara Pillai's motion is a matter relating more to the Accounts Department of the Government than to the Chief Engineer's. I think that Mr. George may be asked to have his say on the matter.

PRESIDENT: Have you anything to say yourself?

MR. K. V. NATESA AIYAR (*Chief Engineer*): Mr. Kumara Pillai referred to records and stated that Mr. Ratnam Aiyar came to the conclusion in March, 1914, that the Kodayar Project did not pay any return, but that, in November of the same year, the special conference appointed by the Government reported that it was paying 1½ per cent. interest on the capital outlay and would be paying more in subsequent years.

MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI (*Eraniel* cum *Vilavankod*): There are the Government Proceedings and this information is found in the records.

MR. K. V. NATESA AIYAR (*Chief Engineer*): He referred to several items making up the income and mentioned a sum of Rs. 45,000, which was a saving under remissions used to be given in previous years, as one such. This is not being taken into account now and the matter has to be verified. Of course, the realisation from the sale of tank-beds is being credited to the capital outlay, as then decided.

Another item which he mentioned is a sum of Rs. 33,000—the amount spent under maintenance of channels, etc., in the commanded area in pre-Project days. This item is being credited even now.

Mr. Kumara Pillai mentioned that the working expenses debited then were only the maintenance charges. But the outlay on improvements and special repairs has also to be so debited, as is being done now. The expenditure on such improvements and special repairs amounted to Rs. 89,123 in 1098, including a sum of Rs. 53,258 incurred on repairs to flood damages.

For purposes of calculating the return, I deducted the outlay under repairs to flood damages and have shown that the income under the Kodayar Project yielded a return of 1¼ per cent. in 1098.

RAO BAHADUR K. A. KRISHNA AIYANGAR (*Nominated*) (*Deputy President*): May I know whether any portion of the cost of the Chief Engineer's office establishment is debited to the Kodayar Project?

MR. K. V. NATESA AIYAR (*Chief Engineer*): Yes; proportionately. The expenditure on improvements and special repairs is being gradually reduced. It was only Rs. 26,077 in 1099, and the budget for 1100 is only about Rs. 23,000. As this goes down, the net income from the Project is bound to grow more and more. If the sum of Rs. 45,000, which is the saving under remissions, is also taken into account, the return will easily go up to 1¾ to 2 per cent. on the net capital outlay.

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[Rao Bahadur K. A. Krishna Aiyangar.]

Mr. Kumara Pillai also mentioned that Government were not giving full credit for the real saleable value of the tank beds and that only a nominal tax was being realised on some of the tank-beds sold. These are details which are attended to by the Revenue Department.

PRESIDENT: Are you aware of any such cases where a favourable assessment was imposed?

MR. K. V. NATESA AIYAR (*Chief Engineer*): This Department is practically ignorant of such cases.

MR. T. K. VELU PILLAI (*Trivandrum* cum *Nedumangad*): Is it not his duty to enquire into the responsibility of the Revenue Department with regard to any arrangement about the assessment?

MR. K. V. NATESA AIYAR (*Chief Engineer*): The information about the credit afforded by the sale of tank-beds is being received and the Account Officer makes the adjustments. If Government wish it, I will look into it. With respect to Mr. Kumara Pillai's remarks, I do not think he wanted anything more than correct accounting.

MR. N. RAMAKRISHNA PILLAI (*Vaikam* cum *Ettumanur*): May I know whether the accounts of the Kodayar Project have been closed?

PRESIDENT: That can never be.

MR. K. V. NATESA AIYAR (*Chief Engineer*): Some works are still being done and debited to the capital account. The capital account has not yet been closed. Mr. P. K. Narayana Pillai, in supporting Mr. Kumara Pillai's motion, referred to the Ambalapuzha-Tiruvalla road.

MR. G. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Neyattinkara*): May I know what that has to do with the motion?

PRESIDENT: It is a general cut.

MR. J. JOHN NIDIRY (*Chanangachery* cum *Minachil*): Should not such things appear in a separate motion?

PRESIDENT: It is very difficult to say that.

RAO BAHADUR K. A. KRISHNA AIYANGAR (*Nominated*) (*Deputy President*): When a nominal cut is moved by one member, and several members follow him, each referring to different aspects of the Department, it will be extremely difficult for the official member to reply. And if it comes to a question of vote, so far as the non-official members are concerned, it will be difficult to know on what point the question has to be decided and voted upon.

MR. G. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Neyattinkara*): Hear, hear.

RAO BAHADUR K. A. KRISHNA AIYANGAR (*Nominated*) (*Deputy President*): I think Mr. P. K. Narayana Pillai is entitled to take advantage of the opportunity and point out to the Chief Engineer the desirability of attending to the local requirements of his taluk. But

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it is something different to suggest that that is a point to which the Chief Engineer must necessarily reply. That is a point which one must take into account.

PRESIDENT: I would not go so far as that. I would not say that the House should take that into consideration when voting on the motion. I do not see how I can exclude its discussion.

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha*): May I explain the position? All that Mr. Kumara Pillai was contending was that the accounts in relation to the Kodayar Project should be rendered correctly. I have no objection to that. It was incidentally suggested by me, not in a spirit of rivalry, but simply as a matter for attention, that there was need for a road in my taluk so that the House may attend to that.

PRESIDENT: I do not think that in that way it will be relevant.

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha*): I mentioned it as this was a motion for a general cut.

PRESIDENT: If the Chief Engineer chooses to give information, he may do so.

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha*): I am also viewing the matter in an impartial spirit, as my South Travancore friends say that such is their wonted outlook. So the Chief Engineer may also repair the roads in my taluk.

MR. T. K. VELU PILLAI (*Trivandrum* cum *Nedumangad*): I would ask the Chief Engineer whether there have not been mistakes in calculation with regard to some of the works in regard to the Kodayar Project which caused an unnecessary amount of expenditure which might have been saved.

PRESIDENT: Please repeat the question.

MR. T. K. VELU PILLAI (*Trivandrum* cum *Nedumangad*): Will the Chief Engineer be prepared to tell me whether some of the items of expenditure which were incurred in connection with the Kodayar Dam and connected works could not have been avoided?

MR. K. V. NATESA AIYAR (*Chief Engineer*): Of course, the question relates to works done some 25 years ago during Mr. W. Jopp's time. As Mr. Kumara Pillai said, the Right Bank Channel was excavated at a cost of about Rs. 1,75,000 with the good intention of taking water to Vilavankod and Neyyattinkara side. But it was subsequently found that the Reservoir would not be capable of supplying both the Right Bank Channel and the Left Bank Channel. The Right Bank Channel was consequently abandoned and all further attention was concentrated on the development of the Project on the Nanjinad and Edanad side. The cost incurred in cutting the Right Bank Channel stands charged to the capital cost of the Project. The President has already explained that such a charge was legitimate and only to be expected in such a large scheme. There is no question here of work having been done which could have been avoided.

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[Mr. K. V. Natesa Aiyar.]

MR. T. K. VELU PILLAI (*Trivandrum cum Nedumangad*): I am putting another question. What is the quantity of water that the Right Bank Channel was intended to take per second?

PRESIDENT: How does it arise?

MR. T. K. VELU PILLAI (*Trivandrum cum Nedumangad*): I will say how it is relevant. When I put the question I considered it as relevant. If it is not, I am submitting to your ruling.

MR. K. V. NATESA AIYAR (*Chief Engineer*): I do not remember. When Mr. Smith was the Chief Engineer, he went into the question of the abandoning of the Right Bank Channel and recommended that it should be abandoned and that the Tovala Channel which was very promising should be taken up in preference and proceeded with.

MR. T. K. VELU PILLAI (*Trivandrum cum Nedumangad*): Are these channels put to the maximum use? To put the question in another way, is the quantity of water let in the channels less or more than the quantity they can take?

MR. K. V. NATESA AIYAR (*Chief Engineer*): They are strained beyond their carrying capacity. With regard to Mr. P. K. Narayana Pillai's remark on the Tiruvalla-Ambalapuzha road, I have to state that the road consists of five sections. Of these, the first section from Ambalapuzha to Takazhi has been provided for in the budget for the current year (1100). I have mentioned this during the general discussion. The second section from Takazhi to Edattua is not very easy to construct as it will obstruct the flow of flood water and it will be premature to consider the construction of this portion before the Haripad-Ambalapuzha road is completed. The third section from Edattua to Nirattupuram is a river bank road used by pedestrians, and is being maintained at a total grant of Rs. 300. The portion from Nirattupuram to Chattankari is across a paddy flat, and if the people will give the land free, the road may be made. Negotiations are now afoot to get the land. I have not had a final word from the Division Officer whom I have asked to meet the Secretary of the Tiruvalla-Ambalapuzha Development Union with a view to the handing over of the land. The people have themselves proposed to do the construction work. But the proper procedure would be for the people interested to hand over the land free either by negotiations with the owners or by collecting money from among themselves and to get the land from those unwilling by paying them the money due to them; and the Department would undertake to open the road. The last section is from Tiruvalla to Chattankari. There is at present a road which is cartable. It requires improvement which will be carried out.

I have explained all this in the general discussion. Mr. Kunjitomman, in supporting Mr. Kumara Pillai, wanted more attention to be paid to the needs of North Travancore. This is being done; and as the needs are brought to notice, they will be considered.

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MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI (*Eraniel cum Vilavankod*): ഞാൻ ഈ പ്രമേയം കൊണ്ടുവന്നതുതന്നെ കോതയാർ വേലകളിൽ വളരെ കാലമായുള്ള എന്റെ പരിചയത്താൽ പലവിധമായ അധികച്ചിലവുകളും അനാവശ്യച്ചിലവുകളും വന്നുകൊണ്ടിരിക്കുന്നതായി എനിക്കു ബോദ്ധ്യമുള്ളതു കൊണ്ടാണ്. ആ ചിലവുകളെ ക്രമീകരിക്കയും കോതയാർ വേലകൾക്കു ശരിയായ കണക്കുകളും ഉണ്ടാക്കുകയും ചെയ്യേണ്ടതു് അത്യാവശ്യമാണ്. കോതയാർ പ്രോജക്ടിൽ ഉൾപ്പെട്ട കുളങ്ങളെ വിലക്കുമ്പോൾ അതിലെ ഇറിഗേഷൻ സൌകര്യങ്ങൾക്കായി അതു വിറ്റുകിട്ടുന്ന തുകയിൽനിന്നും ൧൦൦-ൽ ൧൦-വീതം ചിലവാക്കാൻ ഗവർണ്മെൻറ് അനുവദിച്ചിട്ടുള്ളതാണ്. ഇതിൽ ചെയ്തിട്ടുള്ള അഴിമതികൾക്ക് ഒരു ദൃഷ്ടാന്തം ഇവിടെ പറയാം. ൪,൦൦൦ രൂപായ്ക്ക് ഒരു കുളം ലേലത്തിൽ വിറ്റു. അതിന്റെ കൃഷിസൌകര്യങ്ങൾക്കുവേണ്ടി ഒരു കാലു വെട്ടുന്നതിനു അയ്യായിരത്തിൽപരം രൂപാ ചിലവാക്കി സ്ഥലമെടുത്തിരിക്കുന്നു. ഇതുകൊണ്ട് എന്തു പ്രയോജനമാണ് ഉണ്ടായത്? ഒരു കുളം വിറ്റു എന്നല്ലാതെ അതിന്റെ തുക കോതയാർ പ്രോജക്ടിന്റെ അകത്തുകയിൽ നിന്നും കുറയ്ക്കാനില്ലാതെപോയി. കൃഷിക്കാക്കോ ഗവർണ്മെൻറിനോ പ്രയോജനമില്ലാതെ പോയി.

ഇതു പോലേയുള്ള മറ്റൊരു ദൃഷ്ടാന്തം കൂടി പറയാം. കോതയാർ പ്രോജക്ടിൽ ഉൾപ്പെട്ട കുളങ്ങളെ പതിതസമുദായങ്ങൾക്കു സെൻറിനു ൪-രൂപാവച്ചു സൌജന്യനിരക്കിൽ പതിച്ചു കൊടുത്തു വരുന്നു. ഈ കുളങ്ങളെ ലേലത്തിൽ വിൽക്കുന്നപക്ഷം സെൻറിന് എത്രയോ കൂടുതലായ തുക കിട്ടുന്നതാണ്. ഇങ്ങനെ സൌജന്യനിരക്കിൽ പതിതസമുദായങ്ങൾക്കു പതിച്ചുകൊടുക്കുന്ന കുളങ്ങളെ അവരിൽ ചിലർ എത്രയോ കൂടുതലായ തുകയ്ക്കു മറ്റുള്ളവർക്കു വിറ്റിട്ടുള്ള ദൃഷ്ടാന്തങ്ങൾ ഉണ്ടെന്നാണ് ഞാൻ അറിയുന്നത്. പതിതസമുദായങ്ങൾക്ക് ഇങ്ങനെയുള്ള സഹായങ്ങൾ ചെയ്തു കൊടുക്കേണ്ടതു ഗവർണ്മെൻറിന്റെ കടമയാണ്. അതിനാൽ കോതയാർ പ്രോജക്ടിലെ കൃഷിക്കാക്കു വരുന്ന നഷ്ടത്തെപ്പറ്റി അവർ ഗണ്യമാക്കുന്നില്ല. അവക്കുവേണ്ടി സൌജന്യനിരക്കുകളിൽ പതിച്ചുകൊടുക്കുന്ന സ്ഥലം അവക്കു ഉപയോഗപ്പെടാതെ വരുന്നതു കഷ്ടമാണ്.

PRESIDENT. They cannot sell them; there are rules under the Land Assignment Regulation.

MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI (*Eraniel cum Vilavankod*): ഇങ്ങനെയുള്ള ദൃഷ്ടാന്തങ്ങൾ ഉണ്ടോ എന്നു ഗവർണ്മെൻറ് അന്വേഷിക്കേണ്ടതാണ്.

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[President.]

കോതയാർ പ്രാജക്ററിലെ വരവിൽ ഇനിയും കൂട്ടിചേക്കേണ്ടതായ ഇനങ്ങൾ ഉള്ളതാണ്. അതുപോലെ തന്നെ ചിലവിൽ ഉൾപ്പെടുത്താൻ പാടില്ലാത്ത ചില ഇനങ്ങൾ അതിൽ ഉൾപ്പെടുത്തി കാണുകയും ചെയ്യുന്നു. ഇതുകളെ വേണ്ടപോലെ പഠിച്ചാലോചിച്ച് കോതയാർ പ്രാജക്ററിന്റെ കണക്കുകൾ ശരിയാക്കേണ്ടത് എത്രയോ അവശ്യമാണെന്ന് ഒന്നുകൂടി പറഞ്ഞുകൊള്ളുന്നു.

PRESIDENT: Probably they are old instances.

Do you withdraw the motion?

MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI (*Eraniel* cum *Vilavankod*): I withdraw the motion.

The motion was, by leave, withdrawn.

Motion 344.

MR. S. SUBRAHMANYA KARAYALAR (*Pattanapuram* cum *Shencottah*): Sir, it is a well-known fact that the main source of income is from paddy cultivation. I need not submit that successful paddy cultivation depends entirely on the proper maintenance of irrigation works. In Shencottah taluk, we have got one Supervisor to look after buildings and roads and the maintenance of irrigation works. Formerly, we had one Overseer to look after the construction of roads and one Maramat Superintendent. Now there is only one Supervisor to look after these works, which were done by two persons. I submit to you, Sir, that, on account of the heavy floods, there have been great slips on the Quilon-Shencottah road. The Supervisor had been able to attend only to those slips and he had scarcely time to look after the closing up of the breaches in canals and tanks. My object in bringing this motion is to request Government to appoint two Overseers, one for Public works and the other for Irrigation works. When I mentioned this to the Chief Engineer he assured me that he would make the Supervisor look after the Irrigation works efficiently. On that assurance, I withdraw the motion. I will wait for a year and see the result.

MR. T. K. VELU PILLAI (*Trivandrum* cum *Nedumangad*): I rise to a point of order, Sir. He cannot speak if he has not moved the motion.

PRESIDENT: He is not moving it. He cannot take back his speech. (*Laughter.*)

MR. T. K. VELU PILLAI (*Trivandrum* cum *Nedumangad*): A member is entitled to speak only when he moves a motion. If Mr. Karayalar spoke on his motion, it means that he has moved the motion. So technically this House is not in order if at this stage he is allowed to withdraw the motion.

PRESIDENT: 'Not moving it' is equivalent to withdrawing it.

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MR. J. JOHN NIDIRY (*Changanachery* cum *Minachil*): May I know whether a member is not entitled to withdraw a motion with a speech?

MR. T. K. VELU PILLAI (*Trivandrum* cum *Nedumangad*): My view is that he is not.

PRESIDENT: He cannot. But here the speech has been made, and I think he has to be allowed to withdraw the motion.

The following motion was, accordingly, withdrawn:—

MR. S. SUBRAHMANYA KARAYALAR:

344. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 43,595 for Supervisors by Rs. 1,440.

Motion 345.

MR. C. SANKARA MENON (*Quilon*): I beg to move the following motion:—

345. To omit the allotment of Rs. 4,745 for supernumerary Supervisors.

Sir, the policy of appointing officers permanently in service when there is no necessity for them is what I want to speak about. These Supervisors are kept on as supernumeraries.

PRESIDENT: May I point out to you that there is a misunderstanding? These supernumeraries were thrown out during the recent reorganisation. They are kept on as supernumeraries until vacancies arise in which they have to be absorbed.

MR. C. SANKARA MENON (*Quilon*): So far as one of them is concerned, he ought not to be allowed to be absorbed into the permanent service.

PRESIDENT: He is already a permanent man.

MR. C. SANKARA MENON (*Quilon*): He is already there. He ought not to be retained and the House cannot vote for his pay. One of the supernumeraries, as I find from the *Civil List*, is Mr. M. A. Narayana Aiyar who was concerned with the *Redeemer* disaster.

PRESIDENT: I must say that it is not in order to discuss whether a particular man should be in service or should not be in service when a budget motion is discussed.

MR. C. SANKARA MENON (*Quilon*): My motion is to omit the allotment for supernumerary Supervisors. And the House is entitled to vote on the motion.

PRESIDENT: But it is not in order for you to discuss whether a particular officer is entitled to be retained in service or not. That is not in order when a budget motion is being discussed.

MR. C. SANKARA MENON (*Quilon*): When persons have been found to be guilty—

PRESIDENT: That is exactly what I say. It is not in order to discuss it during budget time. You may move a resolution to the effect that a particular man or a particular set of men should not be retained in service. On a cut in the budget, you are not entitled to speak on it, and I have already ruled so in dealing with a motion sent by you.

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[Mr. C. Sankara Menon.]

MR. C. SANKARA MENON (*Quilon*): I am speaking only so far as those two officers are concerned. I am not going to discuss the merits of the ruling on that motion. The pay of the Supervisors alone is before the House and, in discussing this matter, I submit, I am entitled to bring to the notice of the House the reasons for the omission of this grant.

PRESIDENT: I must hold that you are not in order and my ruling must be obeyed.

MR. C. SANKARA MENON (*Quilon*): If that is the ruling, then I am entitled to give the other reasons for the omission of the allotment.

PRESIDENT: You may give other reasons. I have no objection to your showing that these supernumerary men, or any of them, are not necessary for the work of the Department.

MR. C. SANKARA MENON (*Quilon*): When the Department was re-organised and the total staff has been fixed, I submit that there is no necessity for keeping a number of men in service as supernumeraries.

PRESIDENT: I have no objection to your saying that there is no work for these people. Perhaps you know that these are permanent men who, in the reorganisation, were made supernumeraries. I mentioned that situation and I left it to you to decide whether you would still discuss the motion. Then you said that you were going to discuss the motion with respect to one particular individual on the ground that he should not be kept in the Department. I say that cannot be done.

MR. C. SANKARA MENON (*Quilon*): With regard to that also, I submit that, when the Department was reorganised, there was no necessity for keeping all these officers. The number was fixed. Therefore others who were in excess of it ought to have been disbanded and there is no justification for paying these officers without adequate work.

PRESIDENT: With regard to that there will be an explanation forthcoming.

RAO BAHADUR K. A. KRISHNA AIYANGAR (*Nominated*) (*Deputy President*): May I ask Mr. Sankara Menon whether he is aware of the fact that after a reorganisation all the supernumeraries are retained until they are absorbed?

MR. C. SANKARA MENON (*Quilon*): I know also of persons who were disbanded.

PRESIDENT: There is not a single instance like that.

MR. C. SANKARA MENON (*Quilon*): I submit, therefore, that the practice of keeping all these persons as supernumeraries and paying them without giving them adequate work—I submit that policy ought not to be continued and these persons ought to be disbanded.

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MR. K. V. NATESA AIYAR (*Chief Engineer*): Sir, I oppose the motion. When the reorganisation involving heavy retrenchment was given effect to, eight Supervisors who were in the permanent establishment and who could not therefore be discharged were found in excess of the sanctioned strength in the Supervisors' Grade and they had consequently to be treated as Supernumerary Supervisors. But, since this occurred, all the eight Supervisors have been absorbed against the existing leave vacancies and have continued to be so and, though a sum of Rs. 15,000 was provided in the budget for 1098, not even a single cash has been paid out of it as the salary of the Supernumerary Supervisors. Likewise in 1099, a sum of Rs. 6,540 was provided, but there was absolutely no necessity to draw against it. And now, in 1100, a provision of Rs. 4,745 is made as such a provision is necessary for purposes of correct budgeting, but I do not expect at present that any portion of it will be spent. I expect the whole provision would be a saving at the end of 1100 as in the previous two years. Three out of the eight Supernumerary Supervisors have been permanently absorbed into the sanctioned strength against certain permanent vacancies which occurred. A fourth Supernumerary Supervisor has retired from service having reached the age of superannuation. There are at present four Supernumerary Supervisors and, as mentioned already, they have been absorbed against leave vacancies in the sanctioned strength in the cadre of Supervisors. The Supervisors are all in charge of sections, and they have adequate work. I hope, with this explanation, the member would withdraw the motion.

MR. C. SANKARA MENON (*Quilon*): In the light of the explanation, I withdraw the motion.

The motion was, by leave, withdrawn.

Motion 346.

The following motion was not moved:—

MR. V. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI:

346. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 71,000 for travelling allowance by Rs. 1,000.

Motion 347.

MR. N. RAMAKRISHNA PILLAI (*Vaikam* cum *Ettumanur*): Sir, I beg to move the following motion:—

347. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 2,14,269 for Executive—Establishment by Rs. 100.

I take it that we are entitled to discuss questions regarding works generally in this motion.

PRESIDENT: I do not understand you.

MR. N. RAMAKRISHNA PILLAI (*Vaikam* cum *Ettumanur*): There was a ruling in the first session of the Council, and questions regarding Public Works were allowed to be discussed under this head.

PRESIDENT: Was it in regard to inadequacy of works and so on in particular divisions?

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[Mr. N. Ramakrishna Pillai.]

MR. N. RAMAKRISHNA PILLAI (*Vaikam* cum *Ettumanur*): In regard to all works in the Department.

PRESIDENT: Will you please refer me to that ruling?

MR. N. RAMAKRISHNA PILLAI (*Vaikam* cum *Ettumanur*) Yes, Sir.

PRESIDENT: It is only the policy that is generally discussed.

MR. N. RAMAKRISHNA PILLAI (*Vaikam* cum *Ettumanur*) But there is the ruling.

PRESIDENT: I think the President himself goes back on his own ruling. Anyhow let me see what was said then.

MR. G. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*): There are separate motions later on in regard to this when the same thing may be discussed.

PRESIDENT: There are separate motions on works later on.

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha*): [*After five minutes*]. May I know whether we are at liberty to discuss another motion by the time Mr. Ramakrishna Pillai finds out the ruling? (*Laughter.*) It may be taken up subsequently.

PRESIDENT: Well, it is five minutes. If the ten minutes allotted to him is spent it means that he does not take the motion. I think you need not move this motion, Mr. Ramakrishna Pillai. You will get an opportunity to talk on it when we come to "works" later on.

MR. N. RAMAKRISHNA PILLAI (*Vaikam* cum *Ettumanur*): With your permission, Sir, I would draw the attention of the House to the several points which I would wish to discuss under this motion. In the first place, I would draw attention to the necessity for a reference being had to population, revenue, state of communication, etc., when money is allotted to works in the various taluks.

My second point is that better attention should be given to communications, drainage and minor irrigation in North Travancore and that a less amount should be spent on account of buildings. Of course the policy has been recognised by the Government that less and less amounts should be spent upon buildings and more and more spent on communications.

My third point is with regard to the preparation of estimates. Every question necessary for making the final estimate should be considered before the estimates are sent up.

PRESIDENT: What is that, please?

MR. N. RAMAKRISHNA PILLAI (*Vaikam* cum *Ettumanur*): All points requiring notice should be considered at the time when the estimates are being prepared. When once sanction is given for the estimate, the plans should not be altered by succeeding Executive Engineers as is generally the case.

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With regard to the funds allotted for sanctioned works, sometimes these funds are held back so that works are not continuously being pushed on.

Another point I wish to say is that there is long delay in the completion of works undertaken by the Department. For instance, I will draw the attention of the Chief Engineer to numbers 126, 127 and 115 in the detailed budget. I believe that the work was started in respect of these in 1914 and 1915, and though several years have elapsed the works are still progressing and have not yet been completed. In respect of sanctioned works, I may be permitted to point out that these works generally take much time to begin because in certain cases lands will have to be acquired and necessarily the preliminaries consume a lot of time, so that works really begin to be started only a long time after the scheme is sanctioned. Some provision should be made in these cases so that the acquisition of lands and other preliminary works, should be gone through as expeditiously as possible.

Then another point I wish to note is that the major portions of the funds allotted are generally spent towards the latter portion of the year. During the budget discussion in 1097, it was pointed out that an Advisory Committee should be appointed to consider the question of sanctioned schemes for the year. One of the members—I believe it was Mr. G. Paramesvaran Pillai—pointed out that it would be well to have an Advisory Committee so that they might decide as to what were the works that were most urgently needed in the different taluks of the State. Mr. Mammen Mappillai pointed out that it was well to have a programme of work so that the more urgent of the works might be undertaken and pushed on before the other works were taken up. I believe these questions are being considered.

With respect to ryots' roads, it was pointed out during the last year's session of the Popular Assembly that the rules did not work very well because it was very difficult to form ryots' Associations, so that practically the rules were not beneficial to the people and Government promised that these rules would be amended. This question, I would submit, is very important and should be taken up as soon as possible.

With regard to the present system of giving contracts for works, it was pointed out during the budget discussion in 1097 that it would be better if contracts for maintenance works were given to local people so that the money might be spent more usefully than now. The Chief Engineer then pointed out that the contractors were not forthcoming and that it was very difficult to find local people willing to take up the work. My submission with regard to this matter is that this is because there is not sufficient publication of the fact that contracts will be given to the local inhabitants, and also because supervising officers are not sympathetic towards contractors. In several cases we find that there are people who are ready and prepared to take up the contract but it is very difficult to get

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[Mr. A. Hoogewerf.]

on with the supervising officers because they manage to find fault with these contractors in season and out of season, so much so that respectable people find it very difficult to deal with them. There is also another reason why contracts are not taken by respectable people. Part payment is not made even though works are pushed on very well. It is very difficult to get payment from the Department because so many objections are raised and auditing itself takes so much time to finish. Naturally the contractors are put to very great difficulty in getting their money after the work is completed. It is on account of these difficulties that several people are unwilling to take up the contracts.

With regard to agricultural improvements, I have to point out that the question of drainage is far more important in the northern taluks of the State than that of irrigation.

Several of these cases have been mentioned in the Popular Assembly and I need not again refer to the particular cases which have been brought to the attention of the Government. These are some of the points I wished to emphasise. But as I have hardly time to go into all these in detail, I do not mean to discuss the questions any further.

Mr. A. HOOGEWERF (*Nominated*) : I support the motion. I think there ought to be better communications in North Travancore. I was very glad to hear from the Chief Engineer that he is paying his attention to this matter. I have always said that the superior staff of the Engineering Department is overmanned. For example, take Trivandrum. We have one Chief Engineer on the spot, and two Executive Engineers.

I was in the P. W. D. Committee and I was able to know a great deal of the work.

PRESIDENT : P. W. D. Committee?

Mr. A. HOOGEWERF (*Nominated*) : The Workshops Committee.

PRESIDENT : I thought that question was raised by Mr. Ramakrishna Pillai and answered!

Mr. A. HOOGEWERF (*Nominated*) : What are the works after all? There are two Executive Engineers, Supervisors and two Assistant Engineers and so on. And after all what is the work that is going on? I will just give an instance as to how the work is progressing. There was a culvert which collapsed near the St. Joseph's School. That was about four or five years ago. They put up a little fence round that culvert and it was supposed that no carriages could go close to it. It disappeared and carriages were driven over the culvert. And sometime after that another fence was again put up and this fence also disappeared. The culvert is still under repair!

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Similarly about the road in Pattukunnu near the burial ground. They made an attempt to widen it. In doing so, they brought in big boulders and kept them there obstructing the passage. After one year they removed these stones. That is a dangerous portion of the road. Very often I was in danger of being run over by cars and buses. My jutka was nearly smashed once. Nothing whatever has been done; not even a danger post is put upon the road.

Take Petta, near the Police Station, the road is dangerous to travel on. Without exaggeration, I may say one-third of the road is with metal. Everything is in a pell-mell condition. I do not know, Sir, whether your motor car has not been punctured. I have twice written in my paper about this. But no attention seems to have been paid. It is all like pouring water on a ducks' back. There is a puddle on the other side of the road. So when a motor car comes, either you have to jump into the puddle or find your way on the heap of metal.

I lived in the time of Mr. Barton when he was the Chief Engineer. We had then only two Executive Engineers, one in Quilon and another in Kottayam. Things were going on very well indeed. As I said the other day, there is the Public Offices edifice in front of which is Sir T. Madhava Row's statue looking at this grand building in wonderment and amazement. There is the Museum; they were all put up under the direction of the Chief Engineer by a Supervisor and Mr. Appavu Pandit who had very little knowledge of the theodolite. Beautiful buildings were then put up.

PRESIDENT: It is time.

MR. A. HOOGEWERF (*Nominated*): In regard to contracts, I think works generally begin only about the middle of the year. After all the rigmarole, the best portion of the year is lost. It is in the dry portion of the year that culverts and bridges have to be built. The best portion of the year pass away, and it is during the monsoon as a rule that all these works are started. When work is going on on one side, on the other side rain is washing it off. What I would propose is to engage proper contractors who have a thorough knowledge of engineering. I am sure firms like Messrs. Harrisons & Crosfield will be very glad to take up such works. You may have got to pay them a little more; but I am sure, work will be properly done. We want substantial work and our money's worth.

MR. N. RAMAKRISHNA PILLAI (*Vaikam* cum *Ettumanur*): Sir, I have found it out. It is on page 769 where the ruling is found.

PRESIDENT: That relates to a question of policy. It does not relate to the discussion of particular works.

MR. TARIATU KUNJITOMMAN (*Muvattupuzha*): ഞാൻ പ്ര
മേയത്തെ അനുകൂലിക്കുന്നു. ഉത്തരതിരുവിതാംകൂറിൽ ചില റോഡുകളും
വെട്ടുന്നതിനു ആരംഭിച്ചിട്ടുള്ളതെല്ലാം കഴിയുന്നതും വേഗത്തിൽ

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[Mr. Tariatu Kunjitomman.]

പൂത്തിയാക്കേണ്ടതാണ്. ആരംഭിച്ചവ കൂടാതെ ഇനിയും പല റോഡുകളും വെട്ടേണ്ടതുണ്ട്. മറ്റുള്ള ഭാഗങ്ങളിലെപ്പോലെ ഉത്തരതിരുവിതാംകൂറിലും ഗതാഗതവിഷയത്തിൽ സൌകര്യം ഉണ്ടാക്കിത്തരേണ്ടതു ഗവർൺമെൻറിന്റെ ധർമ്മമാണല്ലോ. ഇപ്പോൾ മൂവാറ്റുപുഴ, തൊടുപുഴ മുതലായ താലൂക്കുകളിൽനിന്നും ഇവിടെ വരുന്നതിന് മദ്രാസിൽ പോകുന്നതിലധികം ധനവ്യയവും താമസവും വേണ്ടിയിരിക്കുന്നു. കൂടാതെ ആറുചുമടികം വാഹനങ്ങളിൽ കയറിയേ ഇവിടെ എത്താൻ സാധിക്കുന്നുള്ളൂ. തെക്കൻതിരുവിതാംകൂറുകാരായ ജനങ്ങൾക്ക് അവിടെനിന്നും തിരിച്ചു ഈ രാജധാനി പട്ടണത്തിൽ എത്തി കാര്യങ്ങൾ നിർവഹിച്ചശേഷം അന്നുതന്നെ തിരികെ സ്വഭവനത്തിൽ മടങ്ങിയെത്തുവാൻ വേണ്ട സൌകര്യങ്ങൾ ഇപ്പോൾ ഉണ്ട്. ഞങ്ങൾക്കതിനു നിവൃത്തിയില്ല. ദക്ഷിണതിരുവിതാംകൂറിലേയും മദ്ധ്യതിരുവിതാംകൂറിലേയും ഞങ്ങളുടെ മാന്യ സ്നേഹിതന്മാർക്കു ഞങ്ങളുടെ കാര്യത്തിൽ അനുകമ്പയുണ്ടെന്നാണ് എന്റെ വിശ്വാസം. എന്നാൽ വടക്കോട്ടുള്ള റയിൽവേ മുമ്പു തുറക്കണമെന്ന ഒരു പ്രമേയം കൊണ്ടു വന്ന അവരുടെ അനുകമ്പയെ പ്രത്യക്ഷമാക്കുവാൻ നിയമം അവതിക്കാത്തതു കഷ്ടം തന്നെ. മെയിൻ റോഡെങ്കിലും മെറ്റലിട്ട ബസ്സു പോകത്തക്കവണ്ണം ഉടനെ നന്നാക്കി തരണം. മൂവാറ്റുപുഴ, തൊടുപുഴ മുതലായ താലൂക്കു നിവാസികൾക്കു തലസ്ഥാനനഗരമായ ഇവിടെവന്ന് ഓരോ ഡിപ്പാർട്ട്മെൻറിലേയും കാര്യങ്ങൾ സാധിക്കുന്നതിനോ ഹൈക്കോടതിയിൽവന്നു കാര്യങ്ങൾ നടത്തുന്നതിനോ ഗതാഗതസൌകര്യത്തിന്റെ അഭാവം നിമിത്തം ഉണ്ടാകുന്ന പ്രയാസങ്ങളെ ഗവർൺമെൻറു പ്രത്യേകം സ്മരിക്കണം. നീതിന്യായംപോലും ഞങ്ങൾക്കു ലഭിക്കാൻ പ്രയാസമായിരിക്കുന്നു. ഞാൻ പ്രാതിനിധ്യം വഹിക്കുന്ന താലൂക്കിൽതന്നെ റോഡുകൾ വളരെ കുറവാണ്. രണ്ടു മൂന്നു റോഡുകൾ മാത്രമേ അവിടെ ആരംഭിച്ചിട്ടുള്ളൂ. ഞാൻ മദ്ധ്യതിരുവിതാംകൂറിലും തെക്കൻതിരുവിതാംകൂറിലും ധാരാളം സഞ്ചരിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ട്. മറ്റു പ്രദേശങ്ങളെ താരതമ്യപ്പെടുത്തി നോക്കുമ്പോൾ ഞങ്ങളെ ഗവർൺമെൻറു തീരെ ഉപേക്ഷിച്ചിട്ടുള്ളതുപോലെ തോന്നുന്നു. ഉത്തര തിരുവിതാംകൂറിൽനിന്നും ഒരു വലിയ സംഖ്യ നികുതി തരുന്നുണ്ട്. റയിൽവേ ഉത്തരതിരുവിതാംകൂറിലെ ഇടനാടുകളിലുള്ള താലൂക്കുകളിൽക്കൂടി ഉടനേ തുറന്നുതരണം. ഭൂപടത്തിൽ കാണുന്നതുപോലെ മൂവാറ്റുപുഴ, തൊടുപുഴ, മണച്ചിൽ മുതലായ താലൂക്കുകൾ കായലോരത്തുനിന്നും വളരെ ദൂരത്താണ് കിടക്കുന്നത്. മദ്ധ്യത്തുള്ള ചെങ്കോട്ട താലൂക്കും കായലോരത്തുനിന്നും ദൂരെത്തന്നെ; എന്നാൽ അവിടെ റയിൽവേയുണ്ട്. ഗതാഗതവിഷയത്തിൽ അതിനാൽ അവിടെ

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അസൌകര്യമില്ല. പടിഞ്ഞാറൻ തീരങ്ങളിലേക്ക് ഇനിയും അധികം ആളുകൾ കുടി ഏറാൻ നിവൃത്തിയില്ല. ഇനിയും സ്ഥലം വർദ്ധിക്കണം. അതിന്ന സമുദ്രം മാറുകയോ അല്ലെങ്കിൽ ഇനിയൊരു പരശുരാമൻ വന്ന സമുദ്രത്തിൽനിന്ന ഭൂമിയെ ഉയർത്തുകയോ വേണമെല്ലോ. ഇപ്പോൾ ആളുകൾ മലയോരങ്ങളിലേക്കാണ് കുടി പാർക്കാൻ തിക്കികയറി വരുന്നത്. റിസർവിൽ നിന്നും ഭൂമികളെ തിരഞ്ഞെടുക്കാൻ ഇപ്പോൾ ചുരുപ്പുനിലക്കുന്നു. റ്റുകൾ ഉത്സാഹിച്ചുകൊണ്ടിരിക്കുന്നു. തരിശുസ്ഥലങ്ങൾ പ്രതിവത്സരം പതിച്ചു ജനങ്ങൾ കുടിയേറി ദേഹണ്ഡിക്കുന്നു. ഇതെല്ലാം ആലോചിക്കുമ്പോൾ രാജ്യത്തിന്റെ ഉൾഭാഗത്തുകൂടിയാണ് റയിൽവേ തുറക്കേണ്ടതെന്ന വ്യക്തമാകും. കായൽതീരങ്ങളിൽ ഒരു കെട്ടുവള്ളത്തിൽ ൭ ടൺ ഭാരം കയറ്റി ദിവസം ൨ അണാ ക്രൂലിയുള്ള ഒന്നോ രണ്ടോ ക്രൂലിക്കാർ ഊന്നിക്കൊണ്ടുപോകും. അതിനാൽ റയിൽവേ വന്നാലും അവിടങ്ങളിൽ സാമാനങ്ങൾ വള്ളങ്ങളിൽതന്നെയേകൊണ്ടുപോകും. ഉൾഭാഗങ്ങളിൽ കാളവണ്ടിയിൽ അര ടൺ ഭാരത്തിലധികം കയറാൻ പാടില്ല. അതുകൊണ്ട് അവിടെ റയിൽവേ തന്നാൽ സാമാനങ്ങളെ റയിൽവഴി കൊണ്ടുപോകാനെ ഇടയുള്ളു. ഉൾനാടുകളിൽ അതായത് മെയിൻറോഡിനടുത്തുകുടിതന്നെ റയിൽവെ തുറപ്പിക്കണം. അതുടനെ വേണം. ഉത്തരതിരുവിതാംകുറിലെ ഉൾഭാഗത്തുള്ളവരും രാജ്യത്തെ ജനങ്ങളിൽ ഉൾപ്പെട്ടവരാണെന്ന ഗവർൺമെൻറ് ഇനിയെങ്കിലും പ്രവൃത്തികൊണ്ടു വേണ്ടപോലെ കാണിക്കണം. നികുതിയും ഞങ്ങളിൽനിന്ന ഗവർൺമെൻറ നല്ലവണ്ണം സംഭരിക്കുന്നുണ്ടെന്നത് ഓർക്കണമെന്ന വീണ്ടും പ്രസ്താവിച്ചുകൊണ്ടു വിരമിക്കുന്നു.

THE REV. FR. KURIAKOSE VETTIKAPALLI (*Todupuzha* cum *Kunnatnad*): I support the motion; and in doing so I join with Mr. Kunjitomman and say that it is true that Mr. Natesa Aiyar has earned the thanks of the people of North Travancore by the interest he has taken in improving the communications there. Of course, this subject of communications in North Travancore, especially in the taluks which I represent, has been the subject of much complaint in this Council, Assembly and elsewhere. There were many roads and other communications which have been sanctioned long ago, but which had been neglected or not been taken up for some apparent reason.

PRESIDENT: You are now talking about the Chief Engineer.

THE REV. FR. KURIAKOSE VETTIKKAPALLI (*Todupuzha* cum *Kunnatnad*): Yes; we are dealing with the Executive staff. Works have now been taken up on a number of roads. Works have been undertaken, for instance, in the Angamali-Manjapra road; Manjapra-Kaladi

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road; Parur-Ankamali road, and the bridge at Pulikkizh, Todupuzha. I would request that the same progress be kept up and the Chief Engineer be not thinking that we have sufficient communcations now. If he keeps up the progress at the same rate, I think a few years hence we will have almost, if not the same facilities, as in the south. So I have to thank him for what he has done on behalf of the constituency to which I belong. I request him to continue the same progress that he is now making.

MR. M. N. PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): I also support the motion and in doing so—

PRESIDENT: The time for the discussion has expired. I am sorry I cannot allow you to go on. It is now 5 O'clock; and under Rule 49 (3), I have to place before the House all the outstanding Demands. I shall put the Demand for the Public Works Department.

The question is that a sum not exceeding Rs. 28·25 lakhs be granted under Demand XX—Public Works Department.

The grant was made.

Motions 348 to 388.

The following motions lapsed on account of the expiry of the time allotted for the voting of Demands:—

MR. J. JOHN NIDIRY:

348. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 2,14,269 for Executive establishment by Rs. 100.

[To discuss the reduction of a sub-Engineer posted as Superintendent, Guest House.]

MR. C. SANKARA MENON:

349. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 20,420 for repairs and maintenance of travellers' bungalows by Rs. 100.

MR. N. RAMAKRISHNA PILLAI:

350. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 45,060 for lighting by Rs. 100.

MR. N. RAMAKRISHNA PILLAI:

351. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 15,000 for constructing a new building for the Stamp Manufactory and Mint at Trivandrum (Item No. 24) by Rs. 10,000.

MR. N. RAMAKRISHNA PILLAI:

352. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 4,470 for reconstructing the stair-case leading to the District Court chambers, Nagercoil, and rebuilding the compound wall (Item No. 33) by Rs. 2,000.

MR. N. RAMAKRISHNA PILLAI:

353. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 5,000 for constructing a second class Police Station at Pulinkunnu (Item No. 34) by Rs. 4,000.

MR. N. RAMAKRISHNA PILLAI:

354. To omit the allotment of Rs. 2,000 for constructing quarters for Sub-Inspector of Police at Udumbanshola (Item No. 35.)

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MR. N. RAMAKRISHNA PILLAI :

355. To omit the allotment of Rs. 2,200 for providing additional accommodation to the Police Commissioner's Office, etc. (Item No. 37).

MR. N. RAMAKRISHNA PILLAI :

356. To reduce the allomeni of Rs. 20,000 for constructing a new College Hostel, Trivandrum, (Item No. 41) by Rs. 10,000.

MR. K. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI :

357. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 20,000 for constructing a new College Hostel Trivandrum, (Item No. 41) by Rs. 10,000.

MR. N. RAMAKRISHNA PILLAI :

358. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 2,000 for constructing Science Laboratory in His Highness the Maha Raja's College of Arts (Item No. 42) by Rs. 1,000.

MR. N. RAMAKRISHNA PILLAI :

359. To omit the the allotment of Rs. 1,000 for structural alterations to His Highness the Maha Raja's College of Science (Item No. 43).

MR. N. RAMAKRISHNA PILLAI :

360. To omit the allotment of Rs. 1,300 for providing additional accommodation in His Highness the Maha Raja's College of Science (Item No. 44).

MR. N. RAMAKRISHNA PILLAI :

361. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 30,000 for constructing the English High School for boys, Nagercoil (Item No. 46) by Rs. 20,000.

MR. K. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI :

362. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 30,000 for constructing the English High School for boys, Nagercoil (Item No. 46) by Rs. 20,000.

MR. A. HOOGEWERF :

363. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 25,000 for the Alleppey Shertallai Canal (Item No. 49) by Rs. 100.

MR. N. RAMAKRISHNA PILLAI :

364. To omit the allotment of Rs. 4,000 for constructing semi-permanent sheds for the use of the official and non-offical members of the Legislative Council (Item No. 12).

MR. N. RAMAKRISHNA PILLAI :

365. To omit the allotment of Rs. 5,700 for acquiring K. D. H. P. Co's rice mill at Marayur (Item No. 55).

MR. N. RAMAKRISHNA PILLAI :

366. To omit the allotment of Rs. 11,000 for the purchase of the property of the Friend in-need Society, Trivandrum (Item No. 58).

MR. K. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI :

367. To omit the allotment of Rs. 11,000 for the purchase of the property of the Friend-in-need Society, Trivandrum (Item No. 58).

MR. N. RAMAKRISHNA PILLAI :

368. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 2,73,280 for buildings—original works—by Rs. 100.

MR. N. RAMAKRISHNA PILLAI :

369. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 6,88,880 for original works under communications by Rs. 100.

MR. JOHN MACKIE :

370. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 6,88,880 for original works under communications by Rs. 50.

MR. N. RAMAKRISHNA PILLAI :

371. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 7,55,900 for maintenance or annual repairs under communications by Rs. 100.

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MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI:
372. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 14,44,780 for communications by Rs. 100.

MR. N. RAMAKRISHNA PILLAI:
373. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 92,660 for miscellaneous public improvements by Rs. 100.

MR. V. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI:
374. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 19,45,713 for Executive works by Rs. 100.

MR. T. M. CHIDAMBARATANU PILLAI:
375. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 22,18,729 for Executive by Rs. 100.

MR. M. N. PILLAI:
376. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 22,18,729 for Executive by Rs. 100.

MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI:
377. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 22,18,729 for Executive by Rs. 100.

MR. M. R. MADHAVA VARIAR:
378. To reduce the total allotment of Rs. 28·25 lakhs by Rs. 100.

MR. M. N. PILLAI:
379. To reduce the total allotment of Rs. 28·25 lakhs by Rs. 100.

MR. TARIATU KUNJITOMMAN:
380. To reduce the total allotment of Rs. 28·25 lakhs by Rs. 100.

MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI:
381. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 1,81,100 for protective irrigation by Rs. 100

MR. M. R. MADHAVA VARIAR:
382. To reduce the total allotment of Rs. 3·35 lakhs under Demand XXI by Rs. 100.

MR. C. SANKARA MENON:
383. To reduce the total allotment of Rs. 3·35 lakhs under Demand XXI by Rs. 100.

MR. V. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI:
384. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 150 for honorarium to Madras Agent by Rs. 50.

MR. V. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI:
385. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 300 for Sirkar Agent, Tinnevelly, by Rs. 200.

MR. N. RAMAKRISHNA PILLAI:
386. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 200 for Vaikam Municipality by Rs. 10.

MR. C. SANKARA MENON:
387. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 22,900 for grants to municipalities by Rs. 2,900.

MR. N. RAMAKRISHNA PILLAI:
388. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 22,900 under grants to municipalities by Rs. 10.

DEMAND XXI—ANCHAL DEPARTMENT.

PRESIDENT: The question is that a sum not exceeding Rs. 3·35 lakhs be granted under Demand XXI—Anchal Department.

The grant was made.

DEMAND XXII—MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS.

PRESIDENT: The question is that a sum not exceeding Rs. 48 lakh be granted under Demand XXII—Miscellaneous items.

The grant was made.

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